



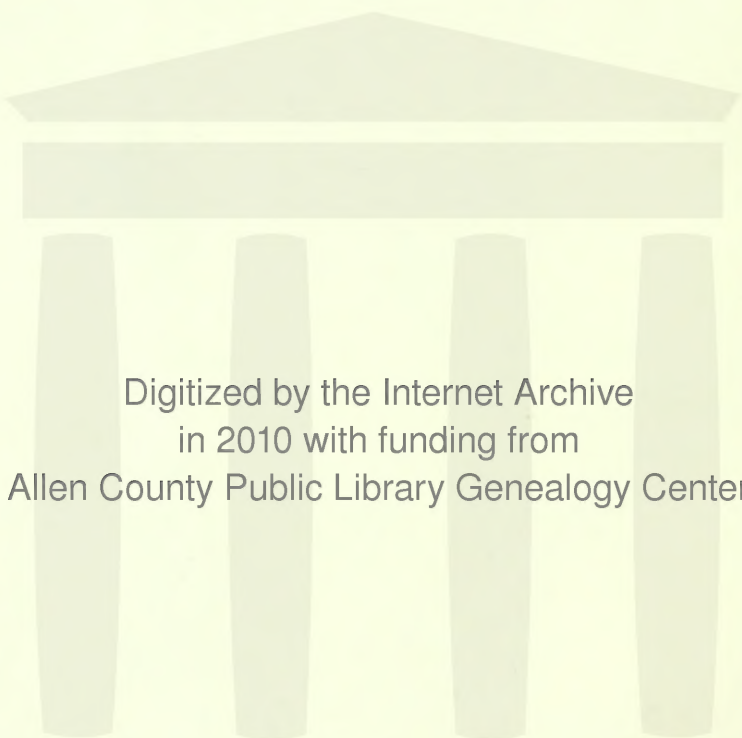
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THE  
STIRLINGS  
OF KEIR,

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BY  
WILLIAM FRASER.

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procurator et prolocutor nomine et ex parte dicti domini, humiliter petit et requisivit a vicecomite antedicto, deseruitione cuiusdam brevis partitionis siue diuisionis capelle regie per ipsum dominum impetrati et dicto vicecomiti presentati, ac ad crucem fori de Striueling per Wilhelmum Quodquhen seriandum de Striueling publice proclamati, deseruendi fori in pretorio burgi de Striueling, die prescripto. Quodquidem breue dictus Johannes Dominus Erskin vicecomes recepit, et ibidem in curia perlegi fecit et suum officiarium seu seriandum in fenestra pretorie de Striueling, partem aduersam, si qua fuerat, pro suo jure et interesse in deseruitione dicti brevis ter per proclamatum publicum vocare fecit, nullaque parte aduersa comparente, idem Andreas prolocutor nomine quo supra ibidem in curia petit et clamauit dimediam partem omnium et singularum terrarum de Innerallone, dimediam partem molendini earundem, cum pertinentiis jacentium infra vicecomitatum de Striueling, et predicto domino pertinentem hereditarie. Et tunc dictus vicecomes eligere fecit condignam assisam ad hoc juratam pro deseruitione dicti brevis partitionis siue diuisionis, videlicet, honorabiles viros, Duncanum Forestar de Gerden, Ninianum Setoun de Tulchfresale, Walterum Forestar de Torwod milites, Jacobum Edmonstoun de Bouchquaderok, Arthurum Stewart de Culhege, Jacobum Spettale de Blair, Robertum More de Boquhopill, Richardum Burne de Hill, Johannem Knok de Ardmanuel, Robertum Calender de Maner, Alexandrum Lewingstoun de Treuenteran, Robertum Bruyss de Auchinbowy, Thomam Somervel filium et heredem apperentem David Somervel de Plane, Patricium Pardowin de Threty Akeris, et Walterum Sellar. Qua assisa supradicta, de curia remota, ac cum instructionibus juribus et allegationibus dicti Andree Mortoun prolocutoris bene avisata, in eadem curia reentrans, decreuit, inuenit et deliberauit quod dictus Alexander tenetur habere dimediam omnium et singularum terrarum de Inneralloun, dimediam molendini earundem, dimediam domum cum suis pertinentiis, secundum tenorem carte sue. Post quamquidem deliberationem, idem vicecomes, virtute sui officii, desuper sorte mittere fecit vt moris est in talibus fieri consuetum, quibus sortibus sic datis et proiectis, sors dicti domini Alexandri Hume pro sua parte dictarum terrarum de Inneralloun, dimedia parte molendini earundem, cum pertinentiis cecidit super solem, videlicet le sonesyde. De et super quibus omnibus et singulis dictus Andreas Mortoun, prolocutor nomineque prefati Domini Hume, a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petit vnum aut plura, publicum seu publica, instrumentum aut instrumenta. Acta erant hec in pretorio prefati burgi de Striueling, hora prima post meridiem vel eocirca, sub anno, die, mense, indictione et pontificatu quibus supra. Presentibus ibidem prouidis viris videlicet, Alexandro Forestar de Bad, Johanne Neilson, Thoma Porterfield, Henrico Stewart, Johanne Darow, Johanne Gentilman, Willelmo Burgess, Johanne Galloway, Roberto Fergusson,





Donaldo Howat, seriandis, et Archibaldo Dawsoun, cum diuersis aliis ad premissa vocatis specialiter atque rogatis.

Et ego Robertus Cunynghame clericus Sanctiandree diocesis publicus auctoritate apostolica notarius, Quia etc.

ROBERTUS CUNYNGHAME.

OBLIGATION by John Earl of Leuenax and Lord Dernlie, to infest William Striueling of Gloret in the lands of Kepoch, 3rd February 1514.

93. BE it kend till all men be thir present letteris, ws Johne, Erle of Leuenax and Lord Dernlie: That forsamekle as our traist cousyng and familiar seruitour, Williame Striueling of Gloret, has be his labouris, travellis, costis, and expensis, gotten and optenit to ws the Castale of Dunbertane; and for his faithfull and thankfull seruice maid be hym to ws in tymis bigane, and to be maid to ws for all the dais of his life: Thairfor we bynd and oblis ws, be the faitht and treuth in our body, to the said William our seruitour, that we sall, God willing, within ane zer nixt efter the dai of the dait her of, infest heretablie the said William, for the causis abone expremit, be charter and sesing in dew forme, in all and syndrie our landis of the Kepoch, extending to fyve pund land of auld extent, wyth the pertinence, liand in our erldome of the Leuenax, within the schirefdome of Dunbertane, fre, for a penne of blanchferme, to be haldin of ws and our airis; and for the sekir infesting of the said William heretablie in the saidis fornemmit landis within the said zer, we sall caus apone our expensis my lady our moder to denud hir of hir coniunctefement and rycht that scho has now of the saidis lands of Kepoch; swa for the causis abone expremyt we sall caus the said William and his airis to be maid sovir and sekir in the saidis landis, but fraud or gile: And failzeing that we or our airis infest nocht heretablie be charter and sesing, in the maist sekir wis that can be denisit, the said William and his airis in the fornemmit landis of Kepoch in maner and kynd forsaid, we bynd and oblis ws, faithtfully as said is, to content and pay to the said Williame within fourti dais nixt efter the out runnyng of the said zer, the sovrne of fyve hundreth merkis of the gud and vsuale money of Scotland for the causis abone expremit, and for costis, scaithis, dammagis, and expensis sustenit and to be sustenit be the said Williame thairthrov: To the obseruyng, keping, and fulfilling of all and syndre the premissis and euery part of it, we bind and oblis ws faithtfully as said is, our airis executouris and assignis, our and thair landis, rentis, possessionis, gudis mouable and ymmouable, had and to be had within the kinrik of Scotland, to the said Williame Striueling, his airis and assignis, in the siekerest forme



and stile of obligatiounis visit or that can be maid, na remeid of law in the contrair to be proponit nor allegit but fraud or gile: In witness of the quhilk thing to thair present letteris, subscriuit with our hand, our sele is affixt, at the burgh of Dumbertane, the third dai of the moneth of Februar, the yer of God 1<sup>st</sup> vi. and hartene zeris, befor thair witness, Master James Stewart, Persone of Cardross, Master Robert Maxwell Persone of Tarboltonne, Patrik Maxwell of Newark, Johne Sympill of Foulwood, Patrik Danzelstounne, and Andre Stewart, with others dinours.

GRANT by John Earl of Levenax and Lord Dornie, to William Strindylng of Glozet, to be Captain and Keeper of the Castle of Dumbertane, during his life, 6th February 1514.

94. BE it kend till all men be thair present letteris, ws Johne, Erle of Leuenax and Lord Dornie, till haf maid, constitut, and ordanit, and be the tenour of thair present letteris, makis, constitutis, and ordanis our traist consyng and familliar seruitour, William Strindylng of Glozet, our Capitane and Kepar of the Castle of Dumbertane induryng all the daies of his lif; for his thankfull and faithful service maid and to be maid be hym to ws induryng his said lif tyme: Giftand, grantand, and committand to our said Capitane and Kepar of the said Castle, our full plene powers and speciale licence to deput ordane and make vnder hym, constabill, portaris, jewellaris, and wachmen, and thaim to input and output at his will and emblesour, induryng all the daies and tyme of his said lif: And atour assignis and transferris to the said William our Capitane, the hale profit pertynyng to the keeping of the said Castle, videlicet, landis, annuall rentis, fermis, gersummis, dewteis, and dew service, with the wachmeille of Kilpatrick, and all vther thingis and profitis pertynyng to the keeping of the said Castle: And mar atour we oblis ws faithfully to the said William, that quhar he or his seruitouris ar disobeyit in the payment getting of the malis, fermis, gersummis, annuall rentis, dewteis, dew service, and wache meill, or in any point of thair pertynyng to the keeping of the said Castle: that we sal incontinout thereafter intering the samis wpon our expensis, to the utilite and profit of the said William, to the behait





and profit of the keeping of the said Castle, als eft and how it it beis holdin fra the said Williame: and als sall do all diligence to get mair profit to the keeping of the said Castle, at the Kingis handis, or the governour of the realm: And at our has constitut and maid the said Williame our Balze of all and hald the landis pertenyng to the keeping of the said Castle, land within the realm of Scotland: gifftand and grauntand to our said balze, our full and plene power, all and syndrie court or courtis induryng all the daïs of his said lif, to hold, set, cillum, and begin of the saidis landis, and thaim to prolong and continew as he sall think caus: saytis to gar call: trespassouris to pouns; vulawes, eschetis, and amerciaments of the said courtis to vplift, rais, and tak to his vse and profit, and for thaim, geif neid beis, to paynd and distrenze: all membris and officiariis of the said courtis, to chus, mak, and gar be suorne: The landis quhatsumewer pertenyng to the keeping of the said Castle, to set for maile, gersum, and ferme, as he sall think maist speedifull, for lang termis or schert: The men, tenentis, malaris, and cotaris, induciariis upon the saidis landis, thaim to input and out put of the saidis landis, at his will and impleour, and vtheris to input in the samyne as he sall think caus, induryng all the daïs of his said lif: The men, tenentis, and inhabitantis within the saidis borneweit landis, thar corne, catole, or vther gullis quhatsumewer, attachit or arrestit, for quhatsumewer caus, befor quhatsumewer juge of law, to borrow, replege, and hame bring to the fredome and privilege of our said courtis, culraichis to fynd daïs and places till partiis: consignacioun for ministracioun of justice to lyunait and set: protestaciounis to mak, and instrumentis to rais: Ferme and stabed holdand and for to haad all and quhatsumewer thingis the said Williame, our Capitane and Balze forsaid, in our name beis to be done: And this our letter to last and indure to the said Williame for all the daïs of his lif, but fraid or gile: In witnes of the quhilk thing to thir present totoris, subscriuit with our hand, our sele is affixt, at Dunbarton, the sext dai of the moneth of Februar, the zer of God, 15<sup>th</sup> and fourtene zeiris, befor thir witnes, Master James Stewart, Persone of Cardross, Master Robert Maxwell, Persone of Tarbolton, Patrick Maxwell of Newerk, Joine Sympill of Foulweil, Joine Logane of Gartcounwell, George Culquhen of the Gleyne, and Patrik Danzelstone, with vtheris diuers.

JHON EARL OF LECENAX.

Gift by King James V. to John Strindling of the K. of the mowentry of the half of the lands of Breckland Kinloch, 10th October 1515.

95 JAMES, by the grace of God King of Scottis. To all and sundry ourn officiariis, judges,



and subditis, quham it offeris quhais knowlege thir oure letteris seicum, and in speciale to our Shireff of Perth, and Stewart of Mentheth, and thare deputis, Greeting Wit ze ws, with consent and avis of oure derrest cousing, and tuteur, Johne, Duke of Albany &c. Protectour and Governour of oure Realme, and lordis compositoris, to haue gevin and grantit, and be thir oure letteris, gevis and grantis, to oure louit familiare knycht, Johne Strueling of the Kene, and his assignais, ane or ma, all and hale, the males, profitis, and dewiteis quhatsumever, of all and hale the half of the landis of Brekland Kinloch, with the pertinentis, extending to fyve mark land or auld extent, liand within the shireffdome of Perth, and Stewartry of Mentheth, now being in oure handis and pertenyng to ws, throw noutre of the richtis are or ayris of the samyn, of all zeris and termes bigane that the saidis landis hes bene in the handis of ws, or oure predecessoris quhatsumever, be resoun forsaid, and of all termes tocum, that the saidis landis sall happen to be in ouris or oure successouris handis, and ay and quhill the entre of the richtis are or ayris tharof, and ay and quhill thai optene lauchfull state sesing and possession thareof. To be haldin and to be had, all and hale the saidis males, fermes, proffittis and dewiteis of the said half landis of Brekland Kinloch, with the pertinentis, to the said Johne and assignais forsaidis, of all zeris and termes bigane and tocum, as said is, with powere to thame to intromet and tak vp the samyn, and giff neyd beis, to paynd compell, and distrenze tharfor, efter the forme of law, and to occupy the saidis landis with thare avne gudis, or to sett thame to tennentis at thare avn plesour, with all and sindry commoliteis, fredomes, proffittis, esementis, and richtis pertinentis pertenyng tharto quhatsumever, frelie, quietlie, wele, and in pece, but ony obstacle, impediant or agane calling. Quharefor We charge straitly, and comandis zow all and sindry oure liegis and subditis forsaidis, that nare of zow tak upon hand to mak ony impediment, let, or distrustance to the said Johne or his assignais forsaidis, in the peaceable possession, braking, jelsing, intrometting and disponyng apoun the males, profitis and dewiteis of the saidis landis, of the saidis termes bigane and tocum, during the tyme forsaid, efter the tenour of thir oure letteris, vnder all pane and charge that efter may follow, and that ye oure Shireff and Stewart forsaid, and zour deputis, mak the said Johne and his saidis assignais, be reddellie ansuerit and obeyt, of all the saidis males, fermes, proffittis, and dewiteis of termes bigane, and giff neyd beis, to paynd, compell, distrenze, and appris the saidis landis for the samyn, as offeris, be all termes and process of law, according to justice and vse in sic casis. Gevin vnder our priue seel at Edinburgh, the xxij day of October, the zere of God 1<sup>st</sup> M. v. xv. zeris, and of oure regne the thryd zere.





Per Signaturam manibus dicti Domini gubernatoris et Dominorum compenitorum subscriptam &c.

xviii<sup>o</sup> Julij anno Domini &c. xviii<sup>o</sup> Per hanc literam adbeatut Senescallo de Menteth de firmis terrarum de Brekland Kinloch lxxv<sup>o</sup> xliii<sup>o</sup> iiij<sup>o</sup>

H. MAIR.

DECREE at the instance of John Strueling of the Keir, Knight, against John Kinross of Kippacross, 15th February 1515.

96. At Edinburgh the xv day of Februar the zero of God 1<sup>st</sup> v. and xv zeris. The lordis of Counsaile vnderwritin, that is to say, ane maist reuerend and reuerend faderis in God, James Archbi-shop of Glasgw, chancelar, David Bischop of Galloway: noble and mightie lordis, James Erle of Mortoun, Hew Erle of Eglintoun, Gilbert Erle of Cassillis, William Lord Bathurie, Patrik Lord Lindesay of the Byris, Jhone Lord Fleming, Jhone Lord Simple, Maister Gawane Dunbar, Archidene of Sanct Andreis, Clerk of Registri, and Williame Keith of Inuermay knyght: About the summondis maid at the instance of Jhone Strueling of the Keir, knight, as air and successour of vnguhile Williame Strueling sone and than apperand air of vnguhile Lucas Strueling of Ratherne, knight, his grantschir, and als as air to vnguhile Williame Strueling of Keir knyght his fader, aganis Jhone Kinross of Kippacross, as air to vnguhile Jonet Kinross of Kippacross: to warrant, acquiet and defend to the said Jhone Strueling, all and sindry the landis of Lubnoch with the pertinentis, land in the lordschip of Strogartnay, within the schirefdom of Perth, offir the tenour of the charter of alienacioun maid be the said vnguhile Jonet Kinross, with claus of warandice for hir and hir airis, to the said vnguhile Williame Strueling, grantschir to the said Jhone, and his airis, with vtheris bandis and evidendis thairupoun: Becaus the saidis landis of Lubnoch with the pertinentis war recognist in the handis of vnguhile our sowerane lord at last decessit, quhem God assolze, and decernit to pertene to his hienes for the alienacioun of the mare part thairof be the said Jhone Kinross predecessouris, as at mare lenth is contenit in the decretit of propirty gevin thairupoun, quharthrou the said Jhone of Strueling was put fra the propirty and possession of the saidis landis, lik as at mare lenth is contenit in the said summondis: Baith the saidis partijs being personally present, thare richtis, rescous and allegaciouns, herd, sene and vnderstand, and tharewith being riplie avist: The Lawis of Counsaile decretis and deliueris, that becaus the said landis of Lubnoch war gevin to the said Jhone Strueling for his said service and vther gud dedis don to the Kingis Grace tharefor be him, and the same year in



his handis: Thairfor ordanis that the said Jhone of Kinross, as air forsaide, sall warrant, acquiet and defend to the said Jhone Striueling of the Keir knycht, als mekle als gud land, liand in als competent place, als frelie hal lin and of als greit avale as the saidis landis of Lupoche, heretabli be chartir and salsing, and that letteris be direct to command and charge him to mak the said warandice, betuix and the ferd day of Maii nixt tocum deuly as offeris: and fulfeyring thereof soll content and pay to the said Jhone Striueling, the sowm of vi hundredth and fifty merkis, gud and vnable money of Scotland for the warandice of the saidis landis. Becaus it is understand to the saidis Lordis that and he had composit with the King or his Thesaurar for the redencoun of the saidis landis out of his handis, offer that the dome of forfokour was gevin that the componsicoun for the samyn wald have extendit to the said sowm of vii and fifty merkis as said is; and in that cais ordanis our souerane lordis letteris be direct to compell and distrenze the said Jhone Kinross, his landis and gudis for the said sowm as offeris, the day of the said warandice being run and by past. *Extractum de libro actorum per me Magistrum Gavinum Dunbar Archidiaconum Sanctiandree, Clericum Rotulorum Registri ac consilii supremi domini nostri Regis, sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus.*

GAVINUS DUNBAR.

CONTRACT between Sir John Striueling of the Keire, Knight, and John Kinross of Kippinross, 10th April 1516.

97. At St[r]iueling, the x] day of Aprile, the zeir of God I<sup>re</sup> V<sup>re</sup> and xvi zeris. It is concordit and endit betuix honorabill men, Schir Jhone Striueling of the Keire Knycht, one the ta part, and Jhone Kinross of Kippinross one the tother part, as efter followis; That forsamkill as the said Schir Jhone has opteint and deersit be the lordis of Counsaile aganis the said Jhone of Kinross, that becaus the landis of Lupoche liand within the lordschipe of Stratherny and shirfhome of Perth, was analit be vnguhile Jonet Kinross to vnguhile Schir Williame Striueling of Raterne Knycht, for certane sowmes of money, and thairafter war recognyst in the kingis laudis and dome of propriatis gifin thairpon, sua that the said Schir Jhone was put fra the properte and possession thairof, and thairfor mycht nocht bruke the samyn efter the forme of the said Jonetis anualloun, as was cheirly vnderstandin be the saidis lordis: That thairfor the said Jhone Kinross, as air and successour to the said vnguhile Jonet, sub warrant, acquiet and defend to the said Schir Jhone, as air and successour to the said vnguhile Schir Williame, als mekill als gudis landis, als frelie hal lin, of als



grete avale and in als competent place, as the saidis landis of Lymnucht, and said infeft him heritably thairinto be charter and seysing, betwix and the ferd day of Maji nixt thairfter, and failzaend thairof, the said Johne said content and pay to the said Schir Johne the sowme of sax hundreth and fifty merkis for warrantise of the saidis landis: becaus it was understandin be the saidis Lordis that and the said Schir Johne had composuit with the King or his Thesaurer for the redemptioun of the saidis landis out of his handis, efter that the dome of forencour was gifin, that the composition for the samyn wald have extendit to the said sowme of vii and fifty merkis, as at nair lenth is conteint in the said decretit gifin thairupon: Notwithstanding the said Schir Johne movit of pete, and for the steid and aford part to be kept to him be the said Johne of Kinross, and for the removing of all conuenciens fra the said Schir Johne his predecessouris or successouris, and thair sawlis heir and lair thol, gif any conuenciens be in the said mater, the said Schir Johne sall forgif and discharge, and be thir presentis forgifis and dischargis the sowme of a hundreth pundis or the forenemmyt sowme of vii and fifty merkis opreit for warrantise as said is, and the five hundreth merais that resis of the said sowme to be put be the said Johne to the said Schir Johne in favorabill maner as efterfollowis, becaus the said Johne has nocht the said sowme rely in money, he sall infeft heritably the said Schir Johne and his airis be charter and seysing in all and hale his landis of Auchlochy with the pertinens liand within the sherifdome of Perth, to be haldin of our soverene lord the Kingis grace, and the confirmatioun to be rasit thairupon to be one the said Schir Johnis expensis, or than sall resing the saidis landis purely and simply in the Kingis handis, or my Lord Gouverneuris, in favour of the said Schir Johne, quhilk as the said Schir Johne sall think maste suer: And als sall resing his hous and croft with the pertinens, callit the Spicell croft, and Merzounis akir at the brigat of Dunblane, the quhilk croft Jonet Strindling has in assedatioun, in the handis of the Bischope of Dunblane, or Balzeis of the Towne, as the said Schir Johne sall think maste expedient in favour of the said Schir Johne in lik wyse: And becaus the half of the saidis landis of Auchlochy ar welset be the said Johne to Walter Stewart, vnder the reuerseoun apone the sowme of a hundreth and ten merkis, that thairfor the said Johne sall deliver and gif to the said Schir Johne the said reuerseoun, togidder with ane sufficient power and assignatioun to redeme and outquyte the said half landis apone the said sowme of a hundreth and ten merkis, quhilk sowme the said Schir Johne sall content and pay to the said Walter: Quhilk promys and law the said Schir Johne sall mak and deliver to the said Johne ane sufficient letter of conuencioun under his seel, that it sall be biddin to the said Johne and his airis to redeme and outquyte the forenemmyt landis





of Auchlochy, hous, croft and akir, with their pertinens apone xl dais warnying apone the sowme of sax hundreth and ten merkis, to the end that the said Schir Johne sall be paid of the forenennit five hundreth merkis restand of the vii and fifty merkis obtenit as said is, togidder with the hundreth and ten merkis to be laid downe be the said Schir Johne for the redemptioun of the said half landis out of the handis of the said Walter, quhilk sowme of vii and ten merkis quhilk may redeme the saidis landis, hous and croft, to be paid in a sowme, hale and togidder, to the said Schir Johne or his airis, apone our Lady altar within the cathederall kirk of Dunblane, upon a day, betwix the sone rising and the gauging to of the samyn, in gold and siluer vsuale money of the realme, havand course for the tyme, togidder with a sufficiand letter of tak for five zeris of the saidis landis, hous, croft and acre, to be brukit be the said Schir Johne and his airis forsaidis, efter the outquyting thairof, for fouretene merkis of male allanerly to be zeirly paid, endurand the said five zeris: Apone the quhilk reuersioun the said Schir Johne sall obtene letteris of regress, and deliuer the samyn to the said Johne and his ayris: And it sall nocht be lesun to the said Johne nor his airis to redeme nor outquyte the saidis landis, bot with their awne propir guidis, nor sall haue na power to mak assignais, ane or may, to outquyte nor redeme the samyn: And the said Schir Johne sall mak ane letter of tak to Walter Stewart, of the half of the saidis landis of Auchlochy for the termes of thre zeris, to be brukit be the said Walter efter the redemyng of the samyn, his entre begynnand the day of the outquyting, payand thairfor zeirly the sowme of iii pundis xiii schillingis and iiij pennes ilk zeir, at twa vsuall termes, Witsunday and Merymes, be evenly portions alanerly: And als the said Johne of Kinross sall mak and deliuer to the said Schir Johne, his obligatioun vnder his sele, to warrand acquet and defend the saidis landis to the said Schir Johne and his airis, of all takkis that ony person or personis may ask or claime of the forsaidis landis of Auchlochy, exceppand the saidis thre zeris takkis to be kepit to the said Walter Stewart alanerly: And the said Schir Johne sall keipe nyne zeris takkis male fre to Jonet Strindling, of all and hale the hous croft and acre at the brigend of Dunblane foresaid fra Witsunday to cum, efter the forme of the said Johnis letteris of tak maid to hir thairapon: And als the said Schir Johne quyteclanis and dischargis be thir presentis all obligations and bandis that he has of the said Johne Kinross befor the date heireof for nowe and euir, the promisses foresaidis beand obseruit and kepit: And to this pairt of this Indentour remmand with the said Schir Johne Strindling, the said Johne Kinross has sette his seil, with his subscripcioun manuale, the x day of Aprile, the zeir of God above writin, befor thir witnes, Walter Forster of the Torwood knight, Robert Callandar of the Mauer, Wilzame of Strindling brother to the said Schir



Johne. Wilzame of Kynross, Archibald Dunsone, and Edward Spetale notar publici, with vtheris diuers.

JOHN of KYNROSS, with my hand led at the pen be Edward  
Spetale, Notare Public. Ita est Edwardus Spetale.

TACK by Henry, Abbot of Lindores, and the Convent thereof, to Sir John Strevellinge of the Keire, Knight, of the lands of Bence and Catkin, 10th September 1516.

98. Be it kend till all men be thir present letteris, ws Henry throw the permission of God Abbot of Loundoris, and the Convent of the saumyn, cheptourlie godderit, with ane voice, consent and assent of our haill cheptoure, to hafe set and for maill luttin, and be the tennoure of thir our present letteris seillis and for maill luttis, to ane rycht honorable man, Schire Johne Strevellinge of the Keire knyght, all and haill our landis of Bence and Catkin with thair pertinens, to giddir with the teynd schavis of the samyn, lyand within the schereffshere of Perth, and our regalie of Loundoris; for all the daïs and termes of nyntene zeris, nixt and immediat the entreice of the said Schir Johne, quhill salbe at the fest of Witsunday nixt and immediat the dait of this writ, and fraithin furth to endure ay and quhill the said nyntene zeris be fullelie and togeddire completit and by revn. To be holdin and had all and sindry the said landis of Bence and Catkin with thair pertinens, to giddire with the teynd schavis of the saumyn, to the said Schir Johne his airis and subtennandis, ane or may, of ws and our successouris in madinge, as the said landis his is in lynchit and in breid, be all and sindry rychtis markis, mothis and dewisis, with fre yschay and entray, commoun pastoure, with all sindry watre commoditeis, ashmentis, liberteis and profeyttis to the said landis and tounis, portenand or rychtouslie may pertain, any maner of way, with full power to input and out put subtennandis, ane or may, in the said landis and teyndis, als ofte as is sene expedient to the said Schir Johne and his airis, endurand the tym of nyntene zeris as said is. Payand thairfor zerlie the said Schir Johne his airis and subtennandis ane or may, to ws our successouris and factouris, the sovm of twelfe pundis vsuall monie of Scotland, at twa vsuall termes in the zere, Witsunday and Martimes in wynter, be evenlie portionis, to giddire with miltoure to our myll of all corns growand on our said landis, with harreage, careage dewangis and do service, als nobile and als ofte as say many mark land of our handis of Fochabill, do's endurand the tym forsaill. And our gif it sal happin the said Schir Johne his airis and subtennandis to rathe in the payment of our said miltour, harreage, careage and do service as said is, or in the payment of the Witsunday maill





zerlie at Midsowmer, and of Mertines maile at Sanctandris day at the ferrest, in this caysis, or any of thame, this our present assedatioun to be of nane availl, nor expierit and adnrit in the self, and we fire to dispone upon our said landis and terydis withour any impediment of the said Schir Johanne his airis and subtennendis, quibtsunneour. And we the said Henry Abbot and Convent fersaid and our successouris, sall warand and aganis all deidde defend the saidis landis and tendis and this our present assedatioun, in all pointis and articlis as said is, to the said Schir Johanne his airis and subtennendis fersaid, endurand the tyme of nygtere zeris all everlie. In witnes heirofe to this our present assedatioun we have appensit oure common seill at Londonis, the sixtene day of September the zer of God IV five hundreth and saxt-ne zeris, before thir witnes James Waudece, Robert Drummond and Schir Barnard Merschall, with wderis diuers.

CHARTER by King James V. to Isabella Gray, relict of the deceased Adam Creichtoun of Rothvenis Knight, of the half lands of Inneralloun, 18th November 1516.

99. *Jacobus, Dei gracia Rex Scotorum. Quibus probis hominibus totius terre sue clericis et laicis, Salutem. Sciatis nos, cum aiusamento, consensu, assensu, consilio et autoritate carissimii consanguinei et tutoris nostri, Johannis Ducis Albanie, etc. regni nostri protectoris et gubernatoris, dedisse, concessisse hereditarie, et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse, dilecte nostre Isobelle Gray, relictæ quondam Ade Creichtoune de Rothvenis militis, et heredibus suis, totam et integram dimedietatem terrarum de Inneralloun, cum dimedietate molendini eorundem, vacuum piscationibus eorundem super aquas de Teth et Forth cum suis pertinentiis, quoniam infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Striveling. Quæquidem dimedietates prefatarum terrarum et molendini cum pertinentiis, fuerunt dicti quondam Ade et Isobelle prius hereditarie in confirmata investitione, tunc per ipsos in capite de quondam Alexandro Domino Hume, quipudum Alexander tenuit huiusmodi immediate de nobis in capite, et nunc demeruerunt in manibus nostris, et nobis pertinent ad voluntatem nostram, cum aiusamento et consilio dicti nostri carissimii consanguinei et tutoris, disponende, ratione forisfacture et esclacite dicti quondam Alexandri Domini Hume, qui de nonnullis proditorie tradicionis et nostre lese maiestatis criminibus comictus erat, et pro eisdem justificatus ad mortem. Et quia nobis, dictoque consanguineo et tutori nostro carissimio, ac nostri consilii dominis, constat et est notum, quod dicta Isabella est innocens et cum ipsis criminibus per dictum quondam Alexandrum Dominum suum superius non commissum, pro quibus comictus erat et justificatus ut promissum est. Nos igitur, cum aiusamento et consilio prefati carissimii consanguinei et tutoris nostri, volumus et decernimus, quod forisfactura*



tura dicti sui superioris non erit dampnum: et prejudicium dictæ Isobelle penes infirmationem quam de dictis dimedietatibus terrarum et molendini prius habuit, nostrorumque, necnon pro certis aliis rationabilibus considerationibus nos, cum assensu dicti nostri carissimi consanguinei et tutoris, dedimus huiusmodi dictæ Isobelle hereditarie de novo ut predictum est. Tenendas et habendas . . . de nobis et successoribus nostris in feodo et hereditate in perpetuum . . . Prouiso tamen, quod dicta Isobella et heredes sui faciant huiusmodi annuatim nobis et successoribus nostris iura et seruicia nobis debita et consuecta de dictis dimedietatibus terrarum et molendini cum pertinentiis ante dictam forisfacturam: In cuius rei testimonium hinc presenti carte nostre magnam sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus: Testibus, reuerendissimo reuerendisq; in Christo patribus, Jacobo Archiepiscopo Glasguensi Cancellario nostro, David Episcopo Candidacese nostreque Cancelli Regie Striuelingensis, Jacobo Episcopo Morauensi: dilectis consanguineis nostris Alexandro Comite de Huntlie Domino Balzenach, Colino Comite de Ergile Domino Campbell et Lorne, Hugone Comite de Eglington Domino Montgomery: venerabilibus in Christo patribus, Johanne Priore ecclesie metropolitane Sanctiandree, Georgeo Abbate Monasterii nostri Sancte Crucis prope Edinburgh, nostri secreti sigilli custode, Parricio Abbate de Cambuskymeth Secretario nostro: dilectis clericis nostris, Magistris Gualtero Dunbar Archidiacono Sanctiandree nostrorum Rotulorum Registri et Consilii Clerico, et Jacobo Ogiluy Magistro Requestarumstrarum, apud Edinburgh, decimo octavo die mensis Novembris, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo decimo sexto, et regni nostri quarto.

CHARTER of CONFIRMATION by King James V. to John Striueling of Kere, Knight, of the half lands of Inneralloun, 20th March 1517.

100. JACOBUS, Dei gratia Rex Scotorum. Omnibus probis laudabilibus totius terre sue, clericis et laicis, Salutem. Sciatis nos, cum assensu et consensu carissimi consanguinei et tutoris nostri, Joannis Ducis Albanie etc., regni nostri protektoris et gubernatoris, quandam cartam alienationis, factam per Isobeliam Grey, dominam de Dalquh, dilecto nostro, Johanni Striueling de Kere militi, et heredibus suis, de tota et integra dimedietate terrarum de Inneralloun et molendino eorundem, cum piscationibus eidem pertinentibus et suis pertinentiis, jacentium infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Striueling, de nobis et successoribus nostris tenenda, de mandato nostro vicarii, locarii, inspectam et diligenter examinatam, eam, integram, non lesam, non cancellatam, nec in aliqui sui parte suspectam, ad plenum intellectum, saltem hinc inde, cum illis etiam cartam visuris, vel auditis, Isobelle Grey, relicte quondam Ade Cuthillone de Huthvenis



militis, Salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noueritis me, in mea viduitate, dedisse, concessisse, vendidisse ac titulo venditionis alienasse, et hac presenti carta mea pro perpetuo confirmasse . . . nobili viro, Johanni Striueling de Kere militi suis heredibus et assignatis, totam et integram meam dimedietatem terrarum de Inneralloun, ac dimedietatem molendini eiusdem, vna cum piscationibus earundem super aquis de Teith et Forth cum suis pertinentiis, iacentibus infra vicecomitatum de Striueling, pro quadam certa summa pecunie vsualis monete Socio michi, per prefatum Johannem Striueling de Kere militem pre manibus gratanter et integre persolata, in pecunia numerata, et in vsu meum totaliter conuersa . . . Tenendam et habendam . . . a me et heredibus meis de supremo domino nostro Rege et suis successoribus in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . seruicium debitum et consuetum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum huic presenti carte mee est appensum, vna cum subscriptione mea manuali, apud Edinburgh, decimo tercio die mensis Martii, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo decimo sexto, coram his testibus, Magistro Roberto Menargund, Recatore de Essy, Domino Malcomio Mortymare, Willhelmo Striueling, et domino Waltero Sutherland capellano ac notario publico, cum diuersis aliis. Quamquidam cartam ac alienationem in eadem contentam, in omnibus suis pueris et articulis, conditionibus et modis ac circumstantiis suis quibuscunque, in omnibus et per omnia, forma pariter et effectum approbamus, ratificamus, ac cum ausamento et consensu dicti nostri carissimi consanguinei et tutoris, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, pro perpetuo ut premissum est, confirmamus: Saluis nobis et successoribus nostris iuribus et seruiciis de dictis terris cum pertinentiis ante presentem nostram confirmationem nobis debitis et consuetis: In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum appendi precepimus. Testibus, reuerendissimo reuerendisque in Christo patribus, Jacobo Archiepiscopo Glasguensi, Cancellario nostro, Davide Episcopo Caidiecase nostreque Capelle Regie Striuelingensis, Jacobo Episcopo Menadiensi dilectis consanguineis nostris Alexandro Comite de Huntly Domino Baldeuach, Colino Comite de Ergile Domino Campbell et Lorne, Hugone Comite de Eglintoun Domino Montgomery: venerabilibus in Christo patribus, Johanne Priore ecclesie metropolitane Sanctiandree, Georgeo Abbate Monasterii nostri Sancte Crucis prope Edinburgh, nostri secreti sigilli Custode, Patrio Abbate de Camberkynnoth, Secretario nostro, dilectis clericis nostris, Magistris Gawino Dunbar Archidiacono Sanctiandree, nostrorum rotulorum registri et consilii Clerico, et Jacobo Ogilay, Rectore de Kinkell ac Commendatario monasterii de Dunburgh: Apud Edinburgh, vicesimo sexto die mensis Martii, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo decimo septimo, et regni nostri quarto,





LETTER of ATTORNEY by King James V. in favour of Margery Birsbane, spouse of William Striveling of Glorat, 20th April 1517.

101. *JACOBS Dei gracia Rex Scotorum, omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos presentes litere peruenierint. Salutem: Sciatis quod suscepinus Johannem Birsbane de Bishopsleith, Willelmum Fleming de Bolghall, Walterum Striveling, Cathbertum Montgomery, vel eorum aliquos vel aliquem, actornatos vel actornatum dilecte nostre Mariote Birsbane, spouse Willhelmi Striveling de Glorat, in omnibus negotiis et loquelis, placitis et querelis, motis seu mouendis ipsam Mariotam tangentibus seu tangere valentibus, quibuscunque diebus et locis, contra quoscunque, et eorum quibuscunque: Quare vobis precipimus et mandamus quatenus dictos Johannem, Willelmum, Walterum, Cathbertum, vel eorum aliquos vel aliquem, quos vel quem presentes vel presentem esse contigerit, tanquam actornatos vel actornatum dicte Mariote in premissis recipiatis: Presentibus post annum minime validuris: In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras sibi fieri fecimus patentes, apud Edinburg, vicesimo die mensis Aprilis, anno regni nostri quarto.*

Actornatus pro MARIOTA BIRSBANE, etc.

INDENTURE between John of Striveling of the Keer, Knight, and John of Kynross of Kippinacross, 15th March 1518.

102. *THIS Indenturis maid at Edinburg, the xv day of March, the zere of God 1518 V<sup>r</sup> and aughtene zeris, contenis, propertis and heris wimes in the said: That it is appoyntit, concordit and finalie agreed betwix honorable personis, Johne of Striveling of the Keer Knycht on the tane part, and Johne of Kynross of Kippinacross on the uther part, in maner, forme, and effect as eftir followis, that is to say, That forsamikle as the said Johne of Kynross has ane summondis raisit aganis the said Schir Johne of Striveling, befor the Lordis of our Soverane Lordis consale, for the retreting of ane act and decret gevin before thame, of the dait at Edinburg, the xv day of Februar, the zear of God 1518 V<sup>r</sup> and xv zeris, tuchin the warrandise of the landis of Lymoch, lyand in the lordeschip of Stregartnay, within the shirefdom of Perth: and als the said Schir Johne has ane actionne dependand aganis the said Johne of Kynross anentis the warrandise of certane takkis of the landis of Anaboddy, lyand within the shirefdom of Perth, and that be nint to the said Schir Johne with speccial warrandise, the quilkis takkis, and the said Schir John mycht here brekie pounth, eftir the forme of the saidis alienation and bandis of warrandise, as vittails has gevin in the zear thairin, wald*



inane extendit be the spece of the non warandise of the samyne, and recoverit be John of Drummoid, the relict of vnpublie Edmond of Chesholme, befor the Stewart of Strathene, be our said soverane Lordis letters direct to him at his instance tharopone, to the sovme and avale of twa hundredth and fourscore of france crovnis, extending to ilk pece fourtene schillingis comptit be gude estimation: And for the vtilite and wale of baith the saidis partis and cessing of pley the said Johne of Kynros is contentit to renunce and discharge, and be thir presentis renuncis and dischargis the saidis summondis raisit be him and actioun thareof, and that it sall never be befall to him his ayris executouris, nor assignais, to intent nor persew the said actioun nor cait of retracioun of the forsaid decret of warandise gevin be the Lordis as said is, nor na part thareof, befor na juge nor jugis, spirituale nor temporale, in ony tymes to cum, and renuncis all remed of law civil and canon, and ratifis and appreis the said decret in all poyntis, and articulis contentit thairin, and sall never persew nor cum in the contrar thareof: And als the said Johne of Kynros, for him and his ayris in all tyme to cum, ratifis and appreis ane Instrument vndre the signe and subscripcion manerale of Schir Johne Smert noter public, of the dait, in Schir James Belchis chalmir in Dunblane, the xv day of December, the zere of God 1518 four hundredth nynty and sevin zenis, obligand and bindand vnpublie Alexander Kynros, feilir to the said Johne of Kynros, and als the said Johne of Kynros and thare airis, in naurent service and vthir sindry restrictionis, to vnpublie William of Strindling of the Kere knycht, feilir to the said Schir Johne and his ayris, as is contentit in the samyn: the quhilkis in all poyntis and articulis the said Johne of Kynros now of now, be thir presentis, ratifis and appreis, naichtwithstand that the said Schir Johne has be vtheris indentouris maid with the said Johne of Kynros, generallie discharged him of all handis and obligatiounis befor the dait thareof: And als the said Johne of Kynros, obligis him his ayris executouris and assignais, to content and paye to the said Schir Johne his ayris executouris and assignais, the sovme of twa hundredth france crovnis of gold, at thir termes vndre writtin, that is to say, at the fest of Witsunday nixt following the dait of thir presentis, the sovme of fyfti france crovnis, and at the fest of Sanct Mertyne in winter nixt tharefter, vthir fyfti france crovnis, and at Witsunday nixt thereafter fyfti france crovnis, and at the fest of Sanct Martene in winter nixt tharefter vthir fyfti france crovnis, in complet payment of the hale fornommyr sovme of twa hundredth france crovnis, or ellis for ilk crovne fourtene schillingis vnde money of the realme beyond cours for the year: For the quhilkis recomencation, ratificatiounis, and payment of money at terms foresaid, the said Sir Johne sall discharge, and be thir presentis dischargis the said Johne of Kynros and his ayris, of the summes of money and payis





of all tymes bigane, that the said Schir Johne mycht claime agene him for the non-fuillfilling of the said manner and poyntis of Instrument to that effect forsaide, extending to the soyme of five hundredth pundis: And als the said Schir Johne now presently and of new, ratiffis and approuis the reuayt and discharg of the soyme of ane hundredth pundis reuayttit to the said Johne of Kyross, contenit in ane vthir indentour maid betuix thame: And als the warrandis and skathis that the said Schir Johne has susteint throw the wanting of the saidis awellis and procolis that he mycht haue had of the saidis landis of Auchlochy, and in heid breikit and paiser the samyn as is befor specified: And als the said Schir Johne reuayttis and dischargis the said Johne Kyross and his ayris, all costis and expensis that he has maid and susteint in the persone of the premissis be ony maner of weye in ony tyme bigane: And als sall necht with na person nor personis tak the said Johne of Kyross contrar part, about the housis and croft of Spetallis croft and Maryonis akir, bot sall supplie, maintene and defend the samyn, als lang as thai ar in the saidis Schir Johne handis vndermyt, and elikewis thereafter, gif thai sall happin to be outquirit be the said Johne of Kyross, sall help and assist to him tharein till insafer as he may of law: And atour sall tak the said Johne of Kyross afauld part, baith be his solistatoun and travell, to recouer his just querellis and actionis that he has to move aganis Wilzome of Mury of Thillardin knycht: And als the said Schir Johne is content, be the slecht and modification of freindis, and efter the said Johne of Kyross gud bering to him, to do him plesour and favour anentis the proffitis of the takkis contenit in the reuersion maid be the said Johne of Striueling of the Kere knycht to the said Johne of Kyross, to be had efter the queneing of the saidis landis of Auchlochy: And howbeit that the said reuersion contenis the soyme of sex hundredth ten merkis, the tane half of the saidis landis of Auchlochy as zit is in the handis of Walter Stewart vndermyt agene the soyme off ane hundredth and ten merkis; tharefor the said Schir Johne is contentit to resone fra the said Johne of Kyross the soyme of five hundredth merkis and letter of assedatoun of the saidis landis of Auchlochy efter the outquyryng of the samyne, and for the payment of the male nemmyt in the said reuersion, ony tyme betuix the dait hereof and the fest of Witsunday nixt to cum, beand lauchfully warrit thareto: and in continent thereafter sall deliuer to the said Johne of Kyross all charteris and saisingis that he hes of the forsaiddis landis of Auchlochy with thair pertinentis, togidder with the saidis Walter Stewartis reuersion for the redempcion of the half of the saidis landis, with ane letter of assignatioun maid to the said Schir Johne thareto, quilkis reuersion contenis the soyme of ane hundredth and ten merkis befor specified: And to the obsourding and keeping of the premissis and every poynt of the samyn, baith the saidis partiis for



thame thair airis executouris and assigneis, is band and oblist be the faithis and trewthis in thare bodiis, the haly Ewangelis tuchit, but fraud or gile: And atour is contentit that thir appoyntmentis and indentouris be put in forme of act in the buke of actis before the Lordis of our Soverane Lordis, Counsaile, and thare decreete interponit thareto, and letteris of executorialis gif neid beis to be given thereupone to compell as offeris, and als the samyne be acrit in the officialis bukis of Louthane and Dundane for sure keeping of the premissis vnder painis of cursing: And to the part of thir Indentouris to remane with athir of the saidis partiis, athir of thame has affixit thare propriis, with the subscriptionis of thare handis, interchangeabli, day, zero and place for-said, befor thir witnes, Maister Robert Elphinstone Persoun of Kyncard in Nole, Schir William Elphinstone Persoun of Clat, Maister Abraham Crichtoun Persoun of our Lady Kirk of the Stele, Robert Callendar of the Maner, Wmfray Rollok of Dulerub, William Striueling and Edward Spetale Notar public with vthir diuers.

JOHN KINGROSS of Kippencross.

with my hand on the pen of Schir Johne Morisoun Notar Public.

Ita est Johannes Morisoun Notarius publicus manu propria.

PRECEPT OF SASINE by John Earl of Lennox and Lord Derrinle, for infefting John Striueling, as heir of George Striueling of Cragbernard, his father, in the lands of Estir Ballevin, 18th April 1520.

103. JOHANNES Comes de Lennox et Dominus Derrinle, dilectis nostris, Willelmo Lyndesay de Bullall, Alexandro Campbell, et Willelmo Bawquhane, ac eorum alteri, conjunctim et divisim, balliis nostris in hac parte specialiter constitutis, Salutem: Quia notum est et bene cognitum quod quondam Georgius Striueling de Cragbernard, pater Johannis Striueling, latoris presentium, obiit ultimis testitus et satus, ut de feodo, ad pacem et fidem supremi domini nostri Regis, de omnibus et singulis terris de Estir Ballevin, cum pertinentiis, jacentibus in comitatu de Lennox, infra vicecomitatum de Dunbartane; et quod dictus Johannes Striueling est verus legitimus et propinquus heres eiusdem quondam Georgii Striueling, patris sui, de predictis terris cum pertinentiis; et quod est legitime status; et quod dicte terre cum pertinentiis de nobis tenentur in capite, tanquam de domino superiore earundem, pro servitio debito et consueto: Vobis igitur et vestrum cuilibet, conjunctim et divisim, firmiter precipimus et mandamus quatenus vobis presentibus, iudicite, sentite, possessionem corporalem, et solum hereditariam omnium et singulorum predictarum terrarum de Estir Ballevin, cum earundem pertinentiis, prefato Johanni Striueling, vel suo certo aeternitate latoris presentium, per



deliberationem terre et lapidis, ut moris est, iuste haberi faciatis et deliberetis: secundum tenorem antiqui infodationis dicti quondam Georzi, quoniam idem Johannes Striueling inde habet: et hoc nullo modo emittatis: Ad quod faciendum vobis et vestrum cuilibet, coniunctim et diuisim, nostram plenariam tenore presentium irrevocabilem committimus potestatem: In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum, vacua nostra subscriptione manuali apud Glasgw. xviii. die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo, coram his testibus, Allanò Stuard de Cardonaid, Johanne Logane de Gartemall, et domino Jacobo Knox capellano, cum diversis aliis testibus

JAMES EARL OF LEVINAX.

NOTARIAL INSTRUMENT, attesting that James, Bishop of Dunblane, had erected nine Chaplainries in the Choir of his Cathedral Church into perpetual Chaplainries.  
14th May 1522.

104. *In Dei Nomine. Amen.* Per hoc presens publicum Instrumentum cunctis pateat evidenter, quod anno Incarnationis Dominice M? V? vicesimo secundo, mensis vero Maii die decimoquarto, Indictione decima, Romana sede pastore carente, ut fertur infra regnum Scotie: In nostrum notariorum publicorum et testium subscriptorum presentia, personaliter constitutus reverendus in Christo pater et dominus, dominus Jacobus, Dei et apostolice sedis gratia, Episcopus Dunblanensis, Decanus et Capitulum Dunblanenses, in capitulo eiusdem ibidem pro tempore capitulariter congregati: Idem reverendus pater, cum consensu et assensu dicti sui capituli, prout consensus decani, erexit illas novem capellanas chori dictę ecclesie cathedralis Dunblanensis in capellanas perpetuas, secundum tenorem erectionis ibidem publice per ipsum decanatum pericte: Et statim idem decanus et capitulum, decanum Thome Watson capellanum ydoneum dicto reverendo patri, pro collatione seu institutione sibi danda de capellania prima de Keir infra dictum chorum sic vacante, presentarunt: Quibus factis, prefatus reverendus pater, collationem ordinariam ymmediatam institutionem, prefato domino Thome, secundum tenorem dictę erectionis, de parate capellania contulit et donavit, cumque regimen et administrationem eiusdem sibi committens: Super quibus omnibus et singulis, idem reverendus pater et prefatus dominus Thomas, a nobis notariis publicis subscriptis, sibi fieri petierunt instrumentum seu instrumenta. Acta erant hoc in dicto capitulo hora vicesima ante meridiem vel coecum, sub anno, mense, die et indictione quibus supra: Presentibus ibidem venerabilibus viris, magistris et canonicis, Willhelmo Chucholme, Vicario de Muthill, Georgio Wawone, Vicario de Dunsyre, Dominico Rose, Willhelmo Ambrosone et Roberto Akinhed capellanis, testibus et premissa vocatis pariterque rogatis.





Et ego Andreas Sym. presbyter Sanctiandree diocesis. sacra autoritate apostolica notarius publicus. etc.

ANDREAS SYM. Pbr.

Et ego Robertus Lermont. clericus Sanctiandree diocesis. publicus apostolica et imperiali autoritatibus notarius. etc.

ROBERTUS LERMONT.

Et ego Jacobus Blakwod. presbyter Dunblanensis diocesis. publicus sacra autoritate apostolica notarius. etc.

JACOBUS BLAKWOD.

GRANT by James [Bethune]. Archbishop of Glasgow, to John Strueling of the Keir, of the ward of the lands of Cadder, 15th September 1522.

105. BE it kend till all men be thair present letteris. We, James be the mercy of God Archbischof of Glasgow, Chancelar of Scotland, etc. to haf sauld, assignit and disponit, and be thair present letteris. sellis, assignis and disponis, to one honorable man, Johne Strueling of the Keir Knycht, his airis and assignis one or ma, the ward of all and sindry the landis of Cadder, with the towne, fortalice, water place, mylne, mairis, medowis, steidlis, woodis, and outscot's with thair pertinence, liand within our regalltie of Glasgow, and shirefdome of Lanark: quhillk pertanit to vnsuphill Andro Strueling of Cadder, heretablie holdin be him of us, as Archbischof of Glasgow, in chief, and now throw his decess being, and that sall happen to be, in our handis as superior thair-of, be resoun of ward, with all meais, formis, profitis, and dewteis of all the saidis ward landis and mylne, with thair pertinence, of all termes bygane and to cum, during all the tyme of the ward thair-of. Togidder with the mariage of Janet Strueling, dochter and air of the said vnsuphill Andro, with all profitis of hir mariage, and with power to the said Johne, his airis and assignis, to dispoun thairapoun at thair pleysour, and upon the ward of the saidis landis and mylne with thair pertinence, and to occupy the samyn in all or in part, with thair owne gudeis, or to set thame to tenentis, as thair sall think maist expedient, with court and playnt of the saidis landis, heretablis, bludewitis, merchietis of women, rularis, amercementis and eschietis thair-of and all vtheris fredonis, primoris, profitis, and dewteis, pertenying, or richtiuslie to pertene thairto during the said ward, heilic, quietlic, well and in pece, but ony impediment, reuocatioun, or agane calling quhatsumair. For the quhillk ward and mariage we haf resoun for the said Johne the somme of the thousand fyr hundredth merkis in this wyss, that is to say, one thousand merkis in ready usuale money of Scotland in hand



and be infeftment of the landis of Strowe and Balcerus, with thair pertinence, in wadset, quhill fyftene hundredth merkis be completely payit, and thairfor, we, our successoris airis, and executoris, sall warrant, acquit, and defend to the said Johanne, his airis and assignais, the ward of all and sindrie the saidis landis of Cadder, with the toure, fortalice, maner place, hayne, milturis, woddis, medowis, stebbis and our settis of the samyn, with thair pertinence, and all mells and profitis thairfor during the tyme of the said ward, togidder with the manere of the said Jonet, as air remain with all profitis of hir marriage, as said is, to be breukit and joust be the said Johanne, his airis and assignais, in all and be all things, as is above expresit, aganis all thocht, thair fraude or gyle. In witness of the quhilk thing, to thir oare lectors, subscriuit with our hand, our sele is appensit, and to hangin, at Edinburgh, the fyftene da of September, the zero of God, one thousand fyf hundredth twenti and tua yeris, and of our consecration the zero, befor thir witnes, honorable and discrete personis, Walter Forrester of the Torwald, Knicht, James Colville of Vchiltre, Maister Abraham Crichtoun, parson of Wpsatlingtoun, Schir Andro Merschele, Chanone of Glasgowe, Maister Robert Graham, Chaplane, and Maister Johanne Bellantyne, noter publick, with otheris fluens.

JACOBUS GLASGOWEN Archiep<sup>us</sup>

We Adam Colquhoun, Chanone, president for the tyme, and Chepoun underwrittin of Glasgowe, effir the sound of the bell cheptorly gaderit in our cheptour hows, vpon Setterday the last of Februar, the fersaid zeir of God, that is to say, Walter Beton, David Douglass, Johanne of Chaplaine, James Seward, and William Crichtoun, Chanonis, ratifyis and appreis cheptorly, all and sindry the premissis in all bulgis and be all thingis above writtin, and gaffis our consent haire, and thairfor has with ilk one of our handis subscriuit the samyn, and has hangin to our commune sele, day, zeir, and place above next writtin.

ADAM COLQUHOUN, Rector de Strobo.

JOHANNES COLQUHOUN de Glasgow 2<sup>us</sup>

M. WALTERUS BETONE, Rector de Gowan.

JACOBUS STEWARD, Rector de Torwaldton.

DAVID DOUGLAS, Rector de Aer.

V. CRICHTON, R. de Souchar.

GIFT by James [Bethune] Archbishop of Glasgow to John Strindling of the Kair, Knight, of the ward of the landis of Cadder, 14<sup>th</sup> October 1522.

166] Be it kend till all men be thir present letteris, us, James, be the mercie of God Archibischope of Glasgow, Chanoller of Scotland, &c. to have said assignit and



disponit, and be thir present letteris sellis, assignis, and disponis to ane honorable man and our weilbeluif Johne Striueling of the Keir, knyght, his airis and assignais, ane or ma, the ward of all and sindry the landis of the lardschip of Caddor, with the tour, fortalice, maner place, mylne, meadowis, steddis, out-settis thairof and thair pertinentis, liand within our barony of Glasgow, regalltie of ye samin, and shireftoun of Lanerke, quhilk pertait to ymaghill Andro Striueling of Caddor heretabli, halldin be him of us as Archibishop of Glasgow in chief, and now throw his decess, being and that sall happin to be in our landis as superior thairof, be re-saume of ward, with all malis, fermis and profitis of all the said ward landis and mylne with thair pertinentis, of all termis bygane and to cum, during all the tyme of the ward thairof, and ay and quhill the lauchfull entre of the richtuis air or airis thairto, being of lauchfull age, with the releif of the samin and nonentres, gif ony is or sall happin to be: With power to the said Johne, his airis and assignais, to dispone thairon at thair playour, and to occupy the samin in all or in pairt, with thair awne gadis, or to set thame to tenentis, as thai sall think expedient, with courtis and playnt of all the saidis landis, herezeblis, vnlawis, amerciamenis and eschetis thairof, and all vtheris fredomis, priuelegiis, profitis, and deweteis, pertenyng or rychtuslie ma pertene thairto during the said space, frely, quietly, wele and in psee, but ony impediment revocation or agane calling quhatsumever. In witness of the quhilk thing, to thir our letteris, subscrivit with our hand, our sele is affixit, at Edinburgh, the fourtene day of October, the zere of God ane thowsand fyff hundreth and twenti two zeris, befor thir witnes, Maister Archibald Laryng, Preeest of S. Andrew, Schir Andro Merschele, channon of Glasgow, Walter Forester of Torwod, Knyght, Maister Abrahame Crichtoun, parson of Wpsatlingtoun, and Schir William Strageth Chaplane, with vtheris diuers.

*Jacobus de Kelso*

RATIFICATION by Gavin [Dunbar] Archibishop of Glasgow to John Striueling of the Keir, Knight, of the ward of the lands of Caddoure, 16th February 1524.

167. WE Gatyne be the mercy of God Archibishop of Glasgow considerand perfittie that the most reuerend feildr in God, James Archibishop of Sanct Andreis, than of Glasgw, said and analyt to Johne Striueling of Keir, Knyght, the ward of all and





sindry the landis of Caddoure, with tenent and tenantry thairrof, lyand within our regalite of Glasgw, than falland and mycht thairefter happen to fall, quhill the entre of the rychtwis air thairto. And now we ar advertist that Mariory Cunyngname, lady of conjunctee of ane pairt of thai landis, is deceest, quharethow we mycht be of aventure inducit to mak argument or truble agane the said Johnne about the bruing of the profit of the said conjunctee landis: We, declarand our mynd thairin, will and grauntis that he bruke and jois the ward of that conjunctee landis pceasablie, without ony impediement to be maid be us, or ony vtheris in our name, according to his said gift, and gif neid beis of new, we, for vs and our successoris, gevis the ward of the said conjunctee landis to the said Johnne, his airis and assignais, during the ward thairrof, with all profit of the samin, and ay and quhill the entre of the rychtwis air thairto. In witness herof we haue subscriuit this writ with our hand at Edinburgh, the xvi day of Februar, the zeir of God j<sup>m</sup> vi and twenty foure zeiris, &c.

PRECEPT of SASINE by William Balfour of Buchopill, for infefting Walter Graham and Marjory Campbell in the lands of Drongy, 17th June 1523.

108. WILLELMUS BALFOUR de Buchopill, dilectis meis David Menteth, Johanni Makelachlan, Beyo Mechdoun, Macolmo Menteth, et . . . . . ac eorum exilibet, conjunctim et diuisim, balliuis meis in hac parte specialiter constitutis, Salutem. Quia concessi, vendidi et hereditarie alienaui honorabili viro, Waltero Grahame, filio quondam nobilis domini, Malizei Comitis de Menteth, et Mariorie Campbell sponse sue, ac eorum alteri diucius viventi in conjuncta infeodacione, totas et integras meas quinque mercatas terrarum de Drongy, nuncupatas Gartinsalze et Blarcholich, vna cum viginti quinque solidatis terrarum mearum de Bra de Buchopill, cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinenciis, jacentes in senescallatu de Menteth infra vicecomitatum de Perth, prout in carta mea, dictis Waltero et Mariorie desuper confecta, plenius continetur. Vobis igitur, et vestrum exilibet, conjunctim et diuisim, precipio et mando quatenus, visis presentibus, in illate statum possessionem corporalem et solam hereditariam totarum et integrarum predictarum . . . . . terrarum . . . . . dictis Waltero Grahame



et Mariorie spouse sue, vel suis certis aeternatis lateribus presencium, secundum tenorem diete carte, iuste haberi facialis et deliberetis, et hoc nullo modo oneratis. Ad quod faciendum vobis, coniunctim et divisim, meam plenariam tenore presencium irrevocabilem committo potestatem. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum presencibus est appensum, vocavi subscriptione mea manuali, apud Striudling, decimo secundo die mensis Junii, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo tertio, cum hiis testibus, Alexandro Forestar, Preposito de Striudling, Alexandro Ledingstoun, et Johanne Atkin, cum diversis aliis.

WILIAM BALFOUR with my hand on the pen.

GIFT by Colin Campbell of Auchinhowe to William Striudling of Glorat, of the ward of the lands of Branzait, 10th October 1523.

109. BE it kend till all men be thyr present letteris, Me Colin Campbell of Auchinhowe, superior to the landis of the Branzait, grantis me till haf said and availit to que honorable man, Wilzem Striudling of Glorat, the ward of the saidis landis of Branzait, wicht the pertinence, land in the erldome of Leuenax, within the shirefilome of Dunbartane, now bound in my handis as our lord of the samyn, be the decess of vnguidill Andro Striudling of Cladder, my tennent of the saidis landis, for all the space, termis and tyme of the ward, and quhile the dochter be of lauchfull age, that is heretair thairrof, of the said vnguidill Andro is thairto; and that for certane sowmis of money paid and to be paid be the said Wilzem to me thairfor, as the act maid in the official builk thairapoun propertis: To be habitit and to be had the ward of the saidis landis of Branzait wicht the pertinence, to the said Wilzem Striudling, his airis executoris and assignais, for all the space and termis of the said ward, and quhile the said dochtir of Andro Striudling be of lauchfull age: The entire of the said Wilzem in and to the said's ward landis of Branzait begun at the fest of Witsonday next befor the dai of the dait hereof, and till indur for all the space and tyme of the ward of the samyn: Turnand and transferand my hale richt, properte and possessione of the saidis ward landis of Branzait fra me and myn airis, in and to the said Wilzem, his airis executoris and assignais, induring all the tyme of the said ward, and quhile ye lauchfull are of that dochter thairto, as said is: With power to the said Wilzem, his airis executoris and assignais, induring the tyme of the said ward, to set the saidis landis of Branzait for male or ferme, to input tenants, and output tenants, or laby, or the samyn, and dispone thairapoun, at thair will and complesour, with full power of court habdon, herozoddis, and gresummis vptaking, volawis, and escheris of the saidis cowrtis to thairto tak to his



behuif and profet, induring all the tyme of the said ward: Sen that he or thair ma frelie dispone and do with the saidis ward landis, as thair ma do with thair awin propyr heretage, induring all the tyme of the ward of the samyne: For the faithfull obseruyng of the premisis, I the said Colyae lyndis and oblis me, be the freicht and treucht in my body, myne airis, executouris and assignais, to the said Wilzem Struiling, his airis executouris or assignais, in ye sikkerest forme and stile of obligation that is vsit, or that can be maid, na remeid of law of canone nor civile in the contrar to be proponit nor allegit, but fraud or gile. In witness of the quhilk thing, to thir present letteris subseriuit with my hand, my sele is affixit at Glasgw, the tent dai of October, the zeir of God J<sup>r</sup> V<sup>e</sup> and twentie thre zeris, befor thir witnes Schir Jhoune Ball, notar, Robert Struiling brudir germein to the said Wilzem, and Wilzem Campbell.

COLLYN CAMPBELL of Achynhowe.<sup>1</sup>

BOND of MANRENT by Laurence Craufurd of Kilbarny, and Hew Craufurd his son, to John Struiling of Keir, Knight, and James his son, 26th October 1524.

110. BE it kend till all m<sup>n</sup> n be thir present letteris, Ws Laurence Craufurd of Kilbarny, and Hew Craufurd his sone and apperand air, with consent and assent of my fadar, now having the gyding of me in my nomaige, to be banding and oblist to stand trew and affair freind to ane honorabill man, Johne Struiling of Keir knycht, and to James Struiling his sone and apperand air, and to do for thame in all thair gude and lesun actionis and querrellis, and the over of the kyndes and allis standing betuix ws, and this our kyndes to enduir for athir of our lyttimis to the said Johne and James his sone: Heirfoir we bind and oblis ws, be the faithis and trewthis of gentill men, to gif thame our best counsaile, and keip secret all materis thair or athir of thame revelis to ws vndir traist, and to do for thame in thair gude and lesun actionis: In witness of the quhilkis we haue subseriuit this writ with our handis, at Edinburgh, the xxvi day of Octobar, the zeir of God J<sup>r</sup> V<sup>e</sup> and xxiiii zeris, befor thir witnes, Cristofir Craufurd, Thomas Leyrmond, Robert Craufurd, and Schir Alexander Wilsone, with vtheris diuers.

LAURENS CRAUFURD.

HEW CRAUFURD with my hand.

<sup>1</sup> William Struiling of the Glenart assigned this Gift of Ward to Johne Struiling of the Keir Knycht, Margaret his spouse, thair airis executours and assignays, and of ma<sup>n</sup> on the 1st of August 1525. [Keir Writs.]





CHARTER by John Earl of Levingx to John Striulling of Keir, Knight, of the superiority of the lands of Bardwy, &c., last February 1524.

111. OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris vel audituris, Johannes Comes de Levinax, Dominus Derneli, Salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noueritis nos, ex certa scientia, utilitate nostra vndique preuisa et considerata, vendidisse, alienasse, et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse . . . honorabili viro, Johanni Striulling de Keir militi, hereditarie, Totam et integram superioritatem nostram omnium et singularum terrarum subsciptarum, videlicet, terrarum de Bardwy, Barnellen, Barscaith, Es-ir Bankeir, Es-ir Fluchert, Birdstoun; necnon terrarum de Balindroch, Hawenstoun, Bauchquharu de Boghous Bankell, le Kirkstoun de Bothernok, cum iurepatronatu advocacione et donacione rectorie eiusdem, Kincaid et Bauchquharage: Johanni Hannaystoun de Bardwy, in proprietate pro vna parte, et in tenendria pro alia parte spectantium et pertinentium, de nobis tanquam Comite de Levinax, per ipsum Johannem in capite tentium, accedim superioritatem omnium et singularum aliarum terrarum et annuorum reddituum, quas et quos ipse Johannes de nobis, ut promittitur, in capite tenet . . . jacentium in dominio nostro de Levinax, et infra vicecomitatum de Dumbertane . . . Tenendam et habendam . . . prefato Johanni Striulling de Keir militi hereditibus suis et assignatis, a nobis et heredibus nostris, de supremo domino nostro Rege et suis successoribus, in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . servicia debita et consueta dicte superioritatis tantum . . . In cuius rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum proprio hinc presenti carte nostre est appensum, vacuam subscriptione nostra manuali, apud Edinburgh, die ultimo mensis Februarii, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo quarto, coram hiis testibus, Waltero Forestar de Torwood milite, Wilhelmo Striulling de Glorat, Magistro Thoma Bannatyn, Wilhelmo Lumysdene, Colino Brown, et Jacobo Meldrum notario publico, cum diuersis aliis.

JOHN EARL OF LEVENAX.

GRANT by King James V. to John Earl of Lennox, to be Captain, Constable and Keeper of the Castle of Dumbarton, 21st August 1525.

REX.

112. WE, with advice of our dearest member the Queen, be thir our letters, makis constitutis and ordanis, our trust, counsail and counsillar, John Earl of Lennox, Lord Darnley, &c., Captain, Constable, and Keeper of our Castle of Dumbarton; and commits



to him the rewill, giding, and keeping of the samen, for the space of fyve years next to cum after the date of the day hereof, with power to him to make constables, esquires, garratours, javellers, watchmen, portours, and all other officers needed under him for keeping of our said Castle, for the whilks he sall be habbin to answer: For the keeping of the whilk Castle, we give, grantis, and assignis be this presentis to our said cousing, John Earle of Lennox, all lands, annualls, profits and dewties ought and wont therefor, and pertaining, or any ways may pertain thereto: and sikelike as any others, Captains of our said Castle, had for keeping thereof in times by going Charging heirfor the Captain, Constable, Keepers, and with hallers of our said Castle, and all other persons being therein, to deliver the samen with all stuff being therein, pertaining to us, to our said cousin, John Earle of Lennox, or his factour, as yow, and ilkane of yow, will answer to us thereupon at your utter charge: Subscrivit with our hand, and under our signet, togidder with subscription of our said dearest moder, at Edinburgh, the xxi day of August, and of our reigne the seventh year.

JAMES R. MARGARET R.

GIFT by King James V. to John Strindling of the Keir, Knyght, of the sum of £500, due to the King by John Hamilton of Bardow and others, 1526

113. JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis, To all and sundry oure officialis, Regis and subditis, quhame it efferis, quhais knowlege thir our letteris salcum, Greeting. Wit ze ws, with aids of the lordis of oure secrete counsail, chosin thairto be the thre estates of oure realme in parliament, to have gevin and grantit, and be this our letteris, gevis and grantis to oure louit familiar, Johnne Strindling of the Keir, knyght, his heirs or assignis, one or more, for his gud and thankfull service done to ws, the ssume of sex hundreth pundis vnsail money, of oure realme, quiddik was micht and decernit be vniquhile reuerend fatheris in God, William Bishop of Abbotene, Andro Bishop of Cathenes, David Bishop of Engile, George Postulat of the Bis, Mathew Erle of Levenax, and Mastir James Hentirson, Juris arbitratoris and amicable compoitoris, chosin to consider and modify quair ssumes of money Johnne Hannayloun of Bardow and the vtheris personis vnderwritin had debarsit and expendit ypone vniquhile Thomas Galbraith of Balleystrachit, for alienation maid be him to thame of the landis following: to have bene paid to vniquhile oure dearest father of god mynol, quham God assidit, for his confirmation, to have bene gevin ypone the alienationis maid to thame be the said vniquhile Thomas, of the lordis vnderwritin, and for his interes had thairintill, throu alienation of the saidis landis, without his confirmation



or consent; that is to say, to the said Johne Hanmyltoun, fyve pund land of Buchquharne, to Johne Logane of Balvey, fyve pund land of Balkindrocht; to Knox, fyve pund land of Hawinstoun; to Johne Steward, broder of the said vmquhile Mathew Erle of Levenax, fyve pund land of Kirkpenny land; to Johne Stewart of Blakhall, fyve pundis worth of the samyn Kirkpenny land; to Petir Colquhone, fifty schilling worth of land of the Kirktoom; and to Alane Stewart, fifty schilling worth of land of Bankell: The quhill soyme of sex hundreth pundis now pertendis to us, as air and successour to our said derrest fadir, to be paid be the personis aboue writin, ilk ane of thame, eftir the rait of the landis forsaidis analyt to thame be the said vmquhile Thomas: that is to say, for ilk fyve pund land ane hundreth pundis, as at nair length in the decrete arbitrale gevin be the saidis arbitratouris nair fullyle proprietis. With power to the said Johne Striueling, his airis or assignais, ane or maa, to introumer and tak vp the said haill soyme of sex hundreth pundis, and gif neid be to conuene and compell the saidis personis, thair airis, and executouris, be the law, to pay the samyn, and to dispoise thairone at his and thair plesour; and gif sa beis that ony of the saidis personis refusis to mak payment of thair part of the said haill soyme, eftir the rait of the landis forsaidis analyt to thame, according to the said decrete: in that case, we gif and assignis be thir presentis, to the said Johne Striueling, his airis and assignais, ane or maa forsaidis, the saidis landis, or samekle tharof, as the saidis personis to quhome thair war analyt, thair airis and assignais, possessouris of the samyn, refus to mak payment tharfor, of thair partis of the said soyme, and all rycht interes, titill and clame of rycht that our said derrest fadir or we had, hes or onywis may haue tharto, throu the said alienatioun, or ony vther wayis, and sall mak him, his airis or assignais, to be heretable infeit tharin be chartir and sosing allsone as the samyn beis liquyd, and knawin quhat personis refusis to pay thair parte of the said haill soyme; and als with power to the said Johne, his airis and assignais, gif thair pleis, to compone with the personis aboue writin or thair airis, anent the soymes aboue writin; and oure confirmatioun to be gevin to thame vpon the saidis alienationis according to the said decrete, fre, without ony vther composition. Atour, we discharge oure thesaurar, and all vther oure officiaris present and to cum, of all introumetting, asking and vptaking of the said haill soyme of sex hundreth pundis, or ony parte tharof, and of thair offices in that part be thir our letteris, charging stradlie, and commandis zow all and sindry our officiaris, liegis and subliegis forsaid that nane of zow tak vpon hand to do or attempt ony thing in contrair the oure gift and assignatioun in ony wis in tyme cuming, vther all hies paine and charge that eftir may follow. Gevin vnder our Signet, and subscriuit with our hand, and with the maist part of the handis of the saidis lordis





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LICENCE by King James V. to John Struelling of Keir, Knight, to sell the superiority of the lands of Bardowe to James Hamilton of Fynart, Knight, 28th January 1526.

114. JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis, To all and syndry our liegis and subditis quham it efferis, quhaiis knowlege thir our letteris sall cumm. Greeting. Wit ze us to have gevin and grantit and be thir our letteris, gevis and grants to our limit, Johne Struelling of Keir, knyght, our full consent, licence, and freedom, to make, sell or wed-sett to James Hamilton of Fynart, knyght, heretablie, the superiourite of the landis of Bardowe, and certane vtheris landis perteneing to Johne Hamilton of Bardowe in proprete and tenandry, with thair pertinentis, to be haldin of us, quilkis wer haldin be the said Johne Hamilton of the said Johne Struelling, and haldin be him immediatlie of us. Quilkis alowatioun, selling or wed-setting, we will and ordanis for us and our successors, salbe na quit, dampn, perill, schait, nor cause of recognitioun nor forfaltour to the said Johne Struelling, his airis nor assignais, nor



to the said James Hammlitoun his airis nor assignais, or any air of thame, for the alienatioun, selling, or wed-setting of the said superiorite of the landis abone writtin, with their pertinentis, in all or in part, as it pleissis to the said Johne Striueling, bot that the samyn be of als greit strenth, force and effect as it wer conferuit vnder our greit seill in the mair forme, without ony reuocation or ganecalling qualtsuener, Gevin vnder our priue seel, and subscriuit wicht our hand, at Edinburgh, the twenty aucht day of Januare, the zeir of God, one thousand fyve hundreth twenty sax zeiris, and of our Regne the xliii zeir.

JAMES R.

*Littera Johannis Striueling de Keir, militis, etc.*

OBLIGATION by James Hammlitoun of Fynhart, Knight, to John of Striueling of the Keir, Knight, anent the landis of Perdowy, 8th February 1526.

115. BE it kend till all men be thir present letteris, me James Hammlitoun of Fynhart, knyght, to be bundin and oblist, and be the faith and treuth in my body, bely and treuly bindis and oblistis me, myne airis and assignais, to ane rycht honorable man, Johne of Striueling of the Kere knyght, his ayris and assignais, that forsomkile as the said Schir Johne has bundin and oblist him to in-fet me heretabill, be plane chartir and alienatioune, in all and hale the landis of Perdowy, with the ile, towre, and loch of the samyn, the landis of Barnellen, Fleucherd, Bluesekewich, Bankere, Birdstoun, with the myhis, outsis, tennendis, tennandis and seruand of the tennentis of the samyn, except the tennandry of the landis of Balkyndrocht, with all the pertinentis of the samyne, that ar hald of the Lord of Perdowy, lyand in the Erlodome of Leuenax, within the Schirefdome of Dunbretane, to be holdin of our soverane Lord for service aucht and wont: quhillkis landis pertenis to me in superiorite, haldin immediatlie of our soverane lord, and to Johne Hamyltoun of Perdowy and to his tennentis in propirte, the quhillkis landis he has bundin and oblist him, be the tenor of the said charter, to warand to me as offeris: Neuertheles becaus the said Johne of Striueling of the Kere knyght, optenit the saidis landis be alienatioun of waquhile Johne Erle of Leuenax, than immediat tennend to the kingis grace of the samyne, I bind and oblist me myne airis and assignais, that gif it sall happen the saidis landis or any parte tharof be recouerit fra ws in default of the Erle of Leuenax rycht, or gif it beis fundin in any tymis cummyn that the said Erle had no rycht to the samyn the tymis he conreit the saidis landis to the said Johne of Striueling, in that cas I renunce and dischargis the effect of the said clause of warandis contenit in the said chartir, and bindis and oblistis me neyir to persew the



said Johne nor his airis for warandis of the saidis landis: And atoure I oblis me and myne airis to defend assist and supple the said Johne of Striueling and his airis in the peccable brukin of the superiorite of the saidis landis of Ballindrocht, the laird of Perdwow and his wassalis brukin the propirte of the samyn according to thare infeffmentis: And elikwis I sall nocht molest nor inquiet William Striueling of the Glorat nor his assignais in the peccable brukyn and disposition of the rycht of the marceage of the heritar of Perdwow, dispoit be the said Johne of Striueling to the said William, be na rycht maid to me be vertu of the said alienatioun nor infeffment: To the observing and keping of the premis and euery poynt thairof, I bind and oblis me faithfully myne airis and assignais, to the said Schir Johne of Striueling his airis and assignais, but fraud or gile. In witnes of the quhilk thing to thir my present letteris my sele is appensit and to hungin, to gidder with the subscription of my hand, at Perth, the aucht day of Februar, the zere of God ane thousand fife hundreth and twenty sex zenis, befor thir witnes, George Douglas Master of Angus, Walter Forester of Garden knycht, Alexander Drummond of Ermore, Maister Abraham Crechtoun persoun of Chernsyd, and David Spetale notar public with vtheris diuers.

JAMES HAMILTON.

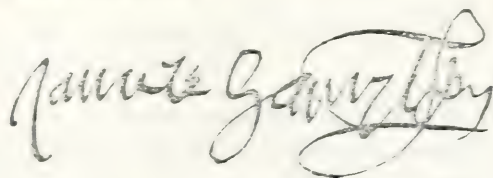
GIFT by Sir James Hammiltoun of Fynnart, Knight, to William Stirling of Glorat, of the office of Deputy-Constable and Keeper of the Castle of Dumbarton, 19th March 1527.

116. Be it kend to all men be thir present letteris, me James Hammiltoun of Fynnart knycht, Capytane of the Castell of Dunbertane constitut be oure souerane lord for xix zenis, and with powar to mak assignais, deputis, and constabillis, and keipparis, garratoris, portaris, and officiaris tharein vnder me, as the letteris vnder his sele maide to me thare vpone proportis: to haif maid, constitut, and ordanit, and be thir present letteris makis, constitutis, and ordanis ane honorabill man and my welbelowit, Wilzem Stirling of Glorat, and his airis, my warray lawchfull and vnbowtit deputis, constabillis, and keipparis of the said Castil and Fortalis of Dunbertane, and all the strenthis thareof, for all the dayis and termes of sevyntyne zenis, nix and immediet followand the feist of Witsounday nix to cum eftir the day of the daif beirof, quhilk salbe his entre to the said offyce of constabillary and keipping of the said castell: and thare efter to be vit and beukit be hym and his airis at and quhill the saidis sevyntyne zenis be full and togidder complet and our roune: with all and syndry landis, annuell rentis, fischingis, nalis, berdis, martis, seruage, profitis and dewteis





perteneng or may perteng to the keipping of the said castell: with court and plent of all the said landis and fischingis and dewyteis, vnlawis, amerciamentis and escheitis thare of to be taking up and applyit to his awin use and his aris, for thare lawbris and gule service to be downe to the kingis honours and me in the promissis: and with power to sett and rais the said landis and fischingis, and the tenentis, inhabitouris thare of [after] the vsche of thare termes to remittis, input, out put, ilk, and schenge als off as he or his aris thinkis expellient during the said space: and to mak and erect portaris, garratoris, goryllowris, and all vther officiaris needfull for keipping of the said castell and strench, as he or his aris thinkis expedient daryng the said space, for the quhilkis thai saibe halding to aneair to the kingis grace and me: and generally all and syndry ony things to do excers and ws that to the offyce of constabulary and keipping of the said Castell ar knowin to pertein, and that I mycht do tharein my self be wretow of my commissioun as I was personally present: and my aris ad warrant acquiett and defend to the said William and his aris, the said offyce of constabulary and keipping of the said castell, with all landis, annuall, fischingis, rents, fermes, malis, profitis, and dewyteis, pertenyng thare to, during the said sevyntyne zeiris in all and be all thingis as is abowne expremitt, aganis all deidly as law will, but fraud or gyle: And is content to be pokit for fulfilling the samin to the said William in the officialis bukis of Lowthane, vnder the pane of cursing: becaus he has contentit and payit to me for the samin, the sowme of thre hundredth powneidis vsuale money of Scotland: In witnes of the quhilk thing to thir my letouris of constabulary and assedatione, subscriuit with my hand, my seche is affixit, at Lethgum, the xix day of moneth of Merche, the zeir of God M<sup>cc</sup> vii and xxvii zeiris, in presence of thir witness, Schir Johne Stirling of Keer knycht, Matho Hammiltoun Robert Hammiltoun of Letham, James Robeson burges of Lintithgum, Johne Birseane of the Markoun, Peter Buntayne, Johne Leneax, and Robert Foullis notar publick, with vtheris diuers.



RATIFICATION by King James V, to John Stirling of the Keir, Knight, as his heritable tenant in the lands of Lintithgum, 27th May 1528.

117. JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis. To all and sundrie our liegis and sub-



dictis quham it offeris. quhais knowlage thir our letteris saltocuna. Greeting: That forsamekle as vnguhile William Stirueling of the Keir, knyght, father to Johne Stirueling of the Keir, knyght, sould and analeit to vnguhile Mathew Forester of the Gunnerschaw, all and hale the landis of the Litill Cog and corn myln of the Coggis, than liand within the shirefdom of Perth, to be haddin of our predecessouris and thair successouris, kingis of Scotland: and thairefter vnguhile Walter Forester of Garden, knyght, neyoy and successor to the said vnguhile Mathew, for certane conederationis moving him, hes maid and givin to the said Johne Stirueling, one letter of reuersioun vnder his propir sele, for redemptioun of the landis and milln for-saidis, as in the samyn at mar lincit is contenit: Thairfor, and for the gud and thankfull service done to vs be the said Johne, We grant and promittis be thir presentis to him and his airis contenit in the said letter of reuersioun, that quhat tyme or howsone he or thair redendis the saidis landis of Litill Cog, and milln of the Coggis, fra the airis of the said vnguhile Walter, or fra quhatsumeuer vtheris possessoris thairof for the tyme, efter the tenour of the said reuersioun: quhilkis being fulfillit, than the said Johne and his airis redemaris thairof, sall haue full and fre regres and ingres in and to the saidis landis and myln, with the pertinentis. And than as now, and now as than, we ressane, admittis, ratifois, and approues him and thair our heritable tenementis of the samyn, to be haddin of vs and our successouris, als fadir in tym to cum, and on the samyn natour and maner of haddin, as tha wer haddin be the said vnguhill William, befor the said alienatioun, without ony renocatioun, fortatour, eschet, skaith or perel quhatsumeuer to the said Johne or his airis thairinow in ony tymes to cum. Givin vnder our priue sele, and subseriuit with our hand, at Stirueling, the xxvii day of Mail, the zer of God I<sup>re</sup> V<sup>re</sup> xxviii zeris, and of our reigne the xv zer.

JAMES R.

Tack by James Sandelandis of Crevy to John Stirueling of the Keir, Knight, of the lands of Brokland Kinkocht, 21st April 1529.

118. Be it kend till all men be thir present letteris, me James Sandelandis of Crevy, To haue sett and for uale lattin, and be thir presentis settis and for uale lattis, to one honorable man, Johne Stirueling of the Keir knyght, and to his subtenentis, all and sindrie my five merk land of Brokland Kinkocht, with thair pertinentis, liand in stewartry of Mencheith and sulen me of Perth, quhill he me res in uelung, for all the space and termes of five zeris: The aune of the said Johne and his subtenentis in and to the tak and assatioun of my saidis landis of Brokland Kinkocht, at the 6<sup>th</sup>



of Witsounday nixttocum, efter the dait of thir present letteris, and fra thyne furth to be pecciable broukit and joisit be thum enduring the said space of five zeris, in housis, pasturis, myre, moss, medow, weid, and with power to furth and input subtenentis and bowmen, and cottaris, as thai sal think expedient. The said Johne and his subtenentis payand thairfor zellie to me ten merkis maill, to be payit at the tyn vsuale termes in the zeir, Witsounday and Montynes in winter, to evallie proportionis allanerly, quhilk mailes, gif thai pay nocht within xx dayis efter ilk terme this present letter of tak to be explicit. And f'orsuith the said James, the tak and asselatioun of my saidis landis of Breckland, to the saidis Johne and his subtenentis, induring the said space of five zeris, sall warrant, acquiet and defend as law will. In witnes of quhilkis to thir present letteris subscriit with my hand, my sele proper is affixit, at Nework, the xxi day of Aprile, the zeir of God 1<sup>st</sup> V: twenty nyne zeris, befor thir witnes, Andro Striueling, David Scot, William Huchone, Johne McGilroy, and William Persone, with vtheris diuers.

JAMES SANDELANDIS off Crowy, etc.

GRANT by King James V. to John Striueling of Keir, Knight, of the marriage of Jonet Striueling, heiress of Cadder. 22nd July 1529.

119. JAMES, be the grace of God, King of Scottis. To all and sindry our lieges and subditis quham it efferis, quhais knaulege thir oure letteris salema. Greeting. Wit ze We, with consent and aitis of owre Thesaurare, to have gevin and grantit, and be thir oure letteris, gevis and grants to oure lair Johne Striueling of Keir, knycht, his airis and assignais, and or nae, the marlage of Jonet Striueling, dochter and aire of vmquhile Andro Striueling of Cadder, pertenyng or sal happin to pertene to us, be ony maner of way, and folkzinge of hir be decess vमारिit, the marlage of ony vthir air or airis, maill or fumeil, that sal happin to succeed to the said vmquhile Andro in his heretage, with all profitis of the said marlage: To be haddin, and to be had, the said marlage, with all profitis tharof, to the said Johne, his airis and assignais forsaidis, with all and sindry commoditeis, freedomes, profitis, and richtuis pertinentis quhatsumeuir, pertenyng or richtuisly may pertene tharto: with full power to the said Schir Johne, his airis and assignais, to dispone apoun the said marlage as thai sal think expedient, frelie, quietlie, will, and in pece, without ony impediment, reuocation or agane calling quhatsumeuir: Quhairfore We charge, straitlie and commandis zell, all and sindry our liegis and subditis forsaidis, that none of zee tok or on land to mak ony impediment, lett, or disturbance to the said Johne, his airis and assignais forsaidis, in the peaceable brouking, joising, intrometring and disponyng apoun the said marlage.





and all profitis of the sayne, eftir the tennour of thir our letteris, and vnder all pane and charge that eftir may follow. Gevin vnder our priue seel, at Edinburch, the xxij day of Julij, the zeir of God, 1<sup>re</sup> V<sup>re</sup> xxix zeiris, and of our regne the xvj zeir.

Per signaturam manibus S. D. N. Regis et thesaurarij subscriptam.

CHARTER by John Striueling of Keir, Knight, to Mr. Adam Ottirburne of Auldham, of the lands of Balquhurny, &c. 1531.

120. OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris vel auditoris, Johannes Striueling de Kere miles, Salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noueritis me, non vi aut metu dictum, nec errore lapsum, seu dolo circumuentum, sed mea mera, pura, libera, et spontanea voluntate, vtilitateque mea vndique preuisa et pensata, concessisse, vendidisse, alienasse, et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse . . . egregio viro, Magistro Ade Ottirburne de Auldham, Preposito de Edinburch, ac supremi domini nostri Regis aduocato, omnes et singulas terras meas de Balquhurny et Arnetis croft, cum tenentibus, tenantiis, ac libere tenentium seruitiis earundem, et suis pertinenciis, jacentes in baronia et dominio de Leslie, infra vicecomitatum de Fiff; pro quadam certa summa pecunie michi, in mea vrgenti et cognita necessitate, pre manibus per dictum magistrum Adam gratanter et integre persoluta, et in vsum meum totaliter conuersa: de qua teneo me bene contentum, plenarie et integre persolutum, dictumque magistrum Adam, heredes suos, executores et assignatos, de eadem quietos clamo et exorco, tenore presentis carte mee, imperpetuum. Tenendas et habendas omnes et singulas prefatas terras . . . dicto magistro Ade Ottirburne et heredibus suis ac assignatis, a me heredibus meis et assignatis, de nobili et prepotenti domino, Georgio Comite de Rothas Domino Leslie, et heredibus suis, dominis et baronibus de Leslie, imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim, dictus Magister Adam heredes sui et assignati, prefato Georgio Comiti de Rothas et heredibus suis, dominis et baronibus de Leslie . . . donatia super solo dictarum terrarum, in die festi Penthecostes, nomine albedinæ, si petatur tantum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum, vna cum mea subscriptione manuali, presentibus est appensum, apud . . . die . . . mensis anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo primo, coram his testibus . . .

JHONE STRIUELING of the Kere with my hand.



INSTRUMENT OF RENUNCIATION by James Hamiltoune of Fynnart, Knight, of the non-entry and ward of the lands of Crukisfee, &c., in the hands of King James V., 28th April 1531.

121. *In Dei Nomine. Amen: Per hoc presens publicum instrumentum cunctis pateat evidenter et sit notum, quod anno Incarnacionis Domini millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo primo, mensis vero Aprilis die vigesimo octavo, indictione quarta, pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Clementis divina providentia pape septimi, anno octavo: In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia, personaliter constitutus nobilis vir, Jacobus Hamiltoune de Fynnart miles, omnibus melioribus modis via forma et jure quibus melius et officarius de jure potuit et debuit, potestque et debet, sponte, libere, et ex sua certa scientia, pure et simpliciter cum pariter et effectu renunciavit, resignavit, et extradonavit, prout tenore presentis publici instrumenti, pureque et simpliciter renunciat, resignat, et extradonat, in manibus excellentissimi principis, Jacobi quinti Scottorum Regis illustrissimi, nuntio-ritum et wardam omnium et singularium terrarum de Crukisfee et Inchechynnane, Scottistoun, et Dargawaill, tam proprietatis quam tenandiarum, cum fortalicis, piscariis, molendinis, nauticis, alimentionibus ecclesiarum et capellaniarum earundem, cum pertinentiis, jacentium infra vicecomitatum de Renfrew; exceptis tenantiis Johanni Domino Erskyn, et Roberto Stewart de Mynto pertinentibus, cum reliquo dictarum terrarum: Necnon renunciavit et extradonavit in manibus dicti excellentissimi principis, maritagium Mathei Comitis de Leuenax, filii et heredis quondam Johannis Comitis de Leuenax, seu cuiuscunque alterius heredis, masculi aut femine, dicto Johanni in suo hereditate succedentis, dicto Jacobo, ex donatione seu donationibus dicti excellentissimi principis, sibi quocunque alio modo pertinentem et spectantem, cum omni alio jure et interesse quod idem Jacobus habet aut habere potuit, in et ad dictas terras, firmas, proficua, et decora earundem, in fauorem nobilis domini, Mathei Comitis de Leuenax, suorum heredum et assignatorum, pro noua donatione premissorum ipsis danda per dictum excellentissimum principem: Insuper, idem Jacobus renunciavit, resignavit, et extradonavit, prout tenore presentis instrumenti renunciat et extradonat pure et simpliciter in manibus eiusdem excellentissimi principis, officium Custodie siue Capitanei Castri de Dumbertane, cum feodis et emolumentis et proficuis eidem inuenientibus, per donationem Regis, aut alias quouismodo sibi spectantibus, in fauorem dicti Mathei Comitis de Leuenax, suorum heredum et assignatorum, pro noua donatione ipsis concedenda: reservata tamen associatione Capitanei siue Custodie dicti Castri, emolumentorum et proficuum eidem pertinentiam, honora-*



bili viro, Willelmo Striueling de Glorat pro omnibus et singulis terminis in dicta sua assedatione contentis, ac secundum formam et tenorem eiusdem: Super quibus omnibus et singulis diebus Mathewus Comes, et prefatus Willelmus Striueling, petierunt et quilibet illorum petiit instrumentum et instrumenta, publicum et publica: Acta erant hec apud palatium regium monasterii Sancte Crucis prope burgum de Edinburgh situatam, in camera regia interiore dicti monasterii, horam circa nonam ante meridiem, sub anno, mense, die, indictione, et pontificatu quibus supra: Presentibus ibidem, reuerendo in Christo patre, Andrea miseratione diuina Episcopo Cathanensi, venerabili in Christo patre, Jacobo Abbate de Dryburgh, Willelmo Wod de Bonygton, Willelmo Hammliton de Sanguinar, Georgio Scell, et Willelmo Cutnery, cum diuersis aliis testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiterque rogatis.

Et ego Willelmus Wychtman, artium magister, clericus Sanctiandree diocesis, sacra auctoritate apostolica notarius: Quia etc.

M. WILLELMUS WYCHTMAN notarius publicus.

ACT of CAUTION before the Royal Justices by William Striueling of Glorat,  
23rd October 1531.

122. In Curia Itineris Justiciearie Supremi Domini Nostri Regis, tenta et inchoata apud burgum de Dambertane, die Lune, xxiii die mensis Octobris, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo primo, coram nobili et potenti domino, Johanne Domino Erskyno, et Johanne Campbell de Lundy milite, Justiciariis supremi domini nostri Regis, coniunctim et diuisim, in absentia nobilis et potentis domini, Archibaldi Comitis Ergadie, Domini Campbell et Lorne, Justiciarii Generalis supremi domini nostri Regis: comparuit in iudicio coram dicto Justiciario, Willelmus Striueling de Glorat, prout alias indictatus seu arrestatus extiterat, et per rotulos regios calumpniatus fuit, de arte et parte oppressionis facte Willelmo Edmonstone de Duntreicht, in intrusione et detencione ab eo sui loci de Duntreicht, pomariorum, siluarum, pratorum, et lie wardis eiusdem, per spatium trium annorum, sine aliquo juris titulo: pro quaquidem actione et calumpnia prefatus Willelmus Striueling cepit se ad respectuacionem supremi domini nostri Regis: et inuenit Johannem Striueling de Craghernard et seipsum plegios, coniunctim et diuisim, ad satisfaciendum partibus de eo iuste comparentibus, secundum formam juris: Datum et extractum de libro adiornalis supremi domini nostri Regis, per me Nicholaum Craufurd de Organge, Clericum Justiciearie eiusdem generalem, sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus.

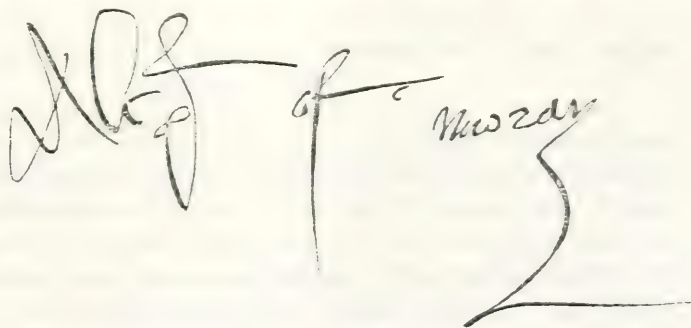
NICHOLAUS CRAUFURD, Clericus Justiciearie.





RENUNCIATION by Alexander [Stewart] Bishop of Murray, as Commendator of Seone, to John Striueling of the Keir, Knight, of the lands of Strowe, 4th May 1531.

123. WE Alexander be the permissioun of God Bischop of Murray, Commendatour of the Abbays of Sewne and Inchairay, for vs and our Conuent of Sewne, be thir presentis renuncis and ourgiwis for ever, to Jhone Striueling of the Keir knycht, the landis of Strowe with thair pertinentis, liand within the Shireffdom of Perth, appressit fra him to vs, for certane soymes of money qudalkis he was oblist in the rollis of our Soueraue Lordis chekeris, in the thre zeris countis that he maid of the casualtyis, of the office of Shireffschip of Perth to haif inbrocht to vs and our said conuent, of our teynd pennies of the saidis casualtyis, and grantis the saidis landis to be lawchfully redemyt be him fra vs: and attour dischargis him of all rwn maillis thairof, and expensis of apprysing of the samyn: becaus the said Jhone has payit and satisfyt vs of our saidis teynd pennys content in his saidis countis. In witnes herof we haif subseruit this present writt with our hand, at Edinburgh, the ferd day of Maji the zeer of God Jm V<sup>e</sup> thretj and ane zeris, betoir thir witnes, Robert Striueling, Andro Striueling, William Huchoune, Schir Henry Fyngask, Maister William Merchell notarius publicus.



Ita est WILLM<sup>s</sup> MERSCHELL Notarius publicus manu propria.

LETTERS of EXCOMMUNICATION by the Official of Lothian against John Kynross of Kippenross, 1st May 1531.

124. OFFICIALIS Sanctiandree infra Archidiaconatum Londonie: Curato de Edinburgh, seu cuiuscunque alteri capellano, Salutem: Quia illis Ioannes Kynross de Kippenross legitime, ex sua propria confessione, sub pena excommunicationis, monitus, submittendo se nostre jurisdictioni in hac causa, ad perimplendum et observandum quendam



contractum alias initum et confectum inter ipsum ab vna, et nobilem virum, Johannem Struelling de Keir militem, partibus ab altera, sibi Johanni Struelling in omnibus suis punctis et articulis, minime perinquebat aut observavit, prout in dictam excommunicationis sententiam dampnabiliter incidebat, unde ipsum, suis demeritis causantibus manifestis, excommunicamus in hiis scriptis: Vobis igitur et vestrum cuilibet, precipimus et mandamus quatenus, prefatum Johannem Kynross, sic per vos excommunicatum fore in ecclesia vestra antedicta, et alibi ubi opus fuerit, coram populo infra missarum sollemniam, omnibus diebus dominicis et festiuis, publice denuncietis, non cessantes donec aliud habueritis in mandatis: Et per sentes debito exequas, eandem latori reddatis: Datum sub sigillo officii n. scrip. apud Edinburg, die primo mensis Maii, anno Domini M<sup>o</sup> VC<sup>o</sup> xxxi.

Die Pentecostes, ego Robertus Cristesone, Curatus de Struelling, suprascriptum Johannem Kynross, secundum tenorem presentium, denunciavi excommunicatum, teste manu propria, infra ecclesiam parochialem de Struelling.

Die Pentecostes, ego Thomas Millar capellanus, suprascriptum Johannem secundum tenorem presentium, personaliter apprehensum infirmationem feci, coram testibus, Thoma Kynross, Donaldo Gorte, et diversis aliis; teste manu propria.

DECREE by the Official of Lothian in favour of John Struelling of Keir, Knight.  
7th December 1531.

125. C<sup>o</sup>ISTI N<sup>o</sup>mine Inocato: Nos Thomas Mailull Rector de Hureon, Commissariusque venerabilis et egregii viri, Magistri Jacobi Symson, Rectoris de Kirkcorthir ac Officialis Sanctiandree infra Archidiaconatum Laudonie: Juxta pro tribunali sedentes in quadam causa juriur coram dicto domino Officiali nota, et adhuc eorum nobis pendente indecisa, inter honorabilem virum, Johannem Struelling de Keir militem, actorem, ab vna, et Johannem Kynross de Kippaucross, reum, partibus ab altera: Cognoscentes iuxta ea que vidimus, audivimus et cognovimus, jurisperitorum communicato consilio et secuto, quibus fidelem fieri fecimus relationem in eadem, solum Deum pre oculis habentes, eiusque nomine sanctissimo premittis invocato, per hanc nostram sententiam interlocutoriam, vim habentem diffinitive, quam tenemus in hiis scriptis: Pronunciamus, decernimus et declaramus dictum Johannem Struelling, sua jura coram nobis produera bene et legitime probasse, et propterea eundem Johannem absolvendum fore, prout absolvimus a sententiis excommunicationis, interminationis et anathematis, si quas incurrebat, ad instantiam prefati Johannis Kynross, ob non completionem cujusdam contractus inter ipsos confecti, et in libris nostre curie registrati, de data decembris quinti



diei mensis Martii, anni Domini millesimi quingentesimi decimi octavi, quantum ad tempus preteritum: non obstantibus iuribus, replicationibus et triplicationibus eorum nobis productis pro parte dicti Johannis Kynross, et probationi admissis et minime probatis: Idecirco dictum Johannem Kynross in expensis litis factis et fiendis, eadem nostra sententia condemnandum fore: Et hec omnibus et singulis quorum interest notum facimus per presentes: Extractum de libro sententiarum Officialis Sanctiandree infra Archidiaconatum Laudonie: lata et promulgata septimo die mensis Decembris, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo primo: In cuius rei testimonium sigillum officii Officialatus presentibus est affixum, apud Edinburg, anno, die, mense predictis.

DECREE by the Official of Lethian against John Kynross of Kippenross,  
7th August 1532.

126. CRISTI Nomine Inuocato: Nos Jacobus Symson, Rector de Kirkforthir, ac Officialis Sanctiandree infra Archidiaconatum Laudonie: Judex pro tribunali sedentes, in quadam causa iuribus eorum nobis nota et adhuc pendente indecisa, inter honorabilem virum, Johannem Kynross de Kippenross, actorem, ab una, et etiam honorabilem virum, Johannem Strueling de Keir, militem, reum, partibus ab altera: Cognoscentes juxta ea que vidimus, audiuimus et cognouimus, jurisperitorum communicato consilio et secuto, quibus fidelem fieri facimus relationem in eadem, solum Deum pre oculis habentes, eiusque nomine sanctissimo primum inuocato, per hanc nostram sententiam interlocutoriam vire officii habentem, quoniam ferimus in liis scriptis: Pronunciamus, decernimus et declaramus, ex delictis eorum nobis prefatum Johannem Kynross minime absolvendum fore, nec absolui debere pariter nec absolvimus, a sententiis excommunicationis, aggregationis et reagragationis quas alias incurrerat ad instantiam prefati Johannis Strueling, ab non perimplentum cuiusdam contractus confecti de data xv diei mensis Martii, anni Domini 1<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> xviii: Propterea dictum Johannem Kynross in expensis litis factis et fiendis, eadem nostra sententia interlocutoria condemnandum: Et hec omnibus et singulis quorum interest notum facimus per presentes: Lecta, lata et promulgata fuit hec nostra sententia, in ecclesia collegiata beati Egidii de Edinburg, in insula Sancti Martini in eadem, loco consistoriali eiusdem solito et consueto, die septimo mensis Augusti, anno Domini 1<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> xxxii, in presentia prefati Johannis Strueling de Keir militis: Presentibus ibidem venerabilibus viris, magistris Jacobo Carruth, Jacobo Murray, Wilhelmo Wichtman, Wilhelmo Henslow, Joanne Cowtis, Joanne Henslow, et domino Roberto Symson capellano, cum diversis aliis: Extractum de libro sententiarum domini Officialis Sanctiandree infra Archi-





diaconatum Laudensie: In cuius rei testimonium, sigillum officii Officialatus dicti domini Officialis presentibus est affixum, apud Edinburg, die xi mensis Septembris, anno Domini 1<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> xxxii.

CLAIM by John Smueling of the Keir against the Laird of Kippenross. Circa 1532.

127. My Lordis Jugis Arbitratoris. I. Johne Smueling of the Keir, desyris that your Lordschipis deern the Laird of Kippenross till octempir and fuill to me for his part, the contract indentourly maid betwix vs. of the date at Edinburg, the xv day of Marche, the zere of God IT V<sup>o</sup> and xliii zenis, conform to the Officialle of Lowthionis sentence definitive givin for me contrar hym, with letteris of cursyng, agrauatioun, and reagruatioun, resit on hym for non fulfilling of the samyn, as he that is akil tharto be his owin confessioun, alsweill in the bewkis of Counsaile, as in the said officiallis bewkis: togidder with my expensis of pley, domeris and costis be me sustentit, throw his coming contrar the samyn contract, as I sail particularly gif to your Lordschipis in bill. And quhair he will allege that he hes appeit contrar the saidis sentence, I am contentit that your Lordschipis justife and knaw upon the said appelecioun, and to deern tharupon sen we have submitit all actionis to you, and he for his part and I for myne, to gif in our resonis to your Lordschipis thareupone.

Item, I ask at the said Laird of Kippenross the sowm of vi li. becaus he oldist him and his ayris, men, and seruandis, to my fader and his ayris, with vther sindry diuers restrictionis, as is contenit in an attornit instrument takin thareupon, in the quhilkis he hes failzeit, and thairfor shuld be deernit to pay the said sowm to me, as ayr to my said fader.

Item, I ask the said Laird of Kippenross, the profit of the landis of Luptoch be the space of thre zenis fra the date of the recognitioun of the samyn, quhill the day that I recouerit the decretit of warrandys thairof, extending in meyll, grassoun, fische, irne, and vtheris proffitris zerly to lxxx li.

Item, I ask at the said Laird the expensis I sustentit in defence of the decretit of recognitioun, and in pursuyt of the said warrandys, extending to the sowm of 1<sup>o</sup> xx li.

Item, I ask for my expensis of pley that I sustentit throw the lost summondis he hes persewit contrar me for retrepping of the recognitioun, and intending to have improvit ane instrument contrar me, the sowm of 1<sup>o</sup> li. sin it is fundin be your Lordschipis decretit, that I am assolzeit fra his petitioun.



RESIGNATION by Alan Hamilton of Bardowy, to James Hamilton of Fynnart, Knight, his Superior, of the lands of Bardowy, 21st May 1531.

128. BE it kend to all men be thir present letteris, Me Alane Hamiltoun of Bardowy, to haue resignit and ouregevin, and be the tenour heirof parallel and synplic, be staff and bastoun, resignis and ouregevis ane acre of my land, liand at the est end of my Manis of Bardowy, with advocatioun and donatioun and richt of patronage of my kirk of Badernock, with thair pertinentis, liand within the shirefdome of Dunbertane, in the handis of ane richt honorable man, James Hamiltoun of Fynnart knyght, my superiour of the samyn, to remane with him and his airis for euir as thair propertie perpetuall in all tyme tocum, to be disposit be him and thame at thair plesour: and that for the sounce of ane thowsand pundis vsuale money of Scotland payit and deliverit be him to me thairfor at the making heirof, of the quhilk sounce I hold me wele content and payit, and quiteclames and dischargis him, his airis, executouris and assignayis thairof for euir be thir presentis. And I forsuth, my airis and assignayis, sall warrant acquiete and defend to the said James his airis executouris and assignayis, the said acre of land, with advocatioun and donatioun and richt of patronage of the said Kirk of Badernock, and thair pertinentis for euir, in all and be all thingis as is, above expremit, aganis all deidlie as law will, but fraud or gile. And I, my airis and assignayis sall neur euan incontrar heirof be our self, nor nane vtheris in our name, nor nane vtheris that we may lett, nor sall molest nor trouble the said James, his airis nor assignayis, in the peccable brouking and joising of the said acre of land and richt of patronage of the said kirk, and disposing thairon at thair plesour in all tyme cuning, vndir the pane of payment to thame of the said sounce of ane thowsand pundis money foirsaid: And gif it happynis, as God forbid, that I or thair in any wyse euan incontrar heirof, I bynd and oblis me faithfullie, my airis executouris and assignayis, to re-found content pay and thankfullie deliver to the said James, his airis executouris or assignayis, the said sounce of ane thowsand pundis, as propir confessit debt, quhilk I grant me to haue ressauit fra the said James at the making heirof, for resignatioun and ouregeving to him of my said acre of land and richt of patronage foirsaid, within forty dayis nixt eftir it be notourlie knawin and sufficientlie provit that I, my airis or assignayis, or any vtheris in myne or thair names, eummis incontrar the premissis in any wyse, or trublis the said James his airis or assignayis in peccable brouking and joising of the said acre of land and richt of patronage of the said kirk: And to the observing and fulfilling heirof body and trowlie in manner foirsaid, I bynd and oblis me intaitillie, my airis executouris and assignayis, to the said James his airis executouris and assignayis, in the maist strait



forme and sicker stile of obligation that can be devisit, but fraud or gile, na remeid nor exceptioun of law, canoun, civile, municipale, actis of parliament, statutis, constitutionis, or vtheris quhatsumevir to be proponit in the contrair, renounceand the samyn for me my airis executouris and assignayis for evir, be thir presentis. In witness of the quhilk thing to thir my letteris subserinit with my hand, my seel is hangin, at Hamyltoun, the xxi day of May, the zeir of God, and thousand fyve hundredth xxxi zeiris, before thir witness, William Striding of Glorat, Patrik Maxwell of Newerk, Gawyne Hamyltoun of the Haggis, Johne Hamyltoun of the Newton, Sir Andro Walch notar public, with vtheris diverss.

Schir Andro Walch Notar public subserinit this for ALANE HAMILTOUN of Bardowe, at his command his hand twehand the pen.

ANDREAS WALCHTUS Notarius, manu propria. Ita est A. W.

CONTRACT between Marion Maxwell, Lady of Bardowe, Alan Hamiltoun of Bardowe, her son, and John Logane of Balwee, 17th June 1531.

129. At Dumbertane, the xvii day of June, in the zeir of God 1531, and thretty ane zeiris. It is compromittit betuix honorabill personis, Marioun Maxwell, Lady of Bardowe, Alane Hamiltoun of Bardowe hir sone, for thare kynn, freindis, seruandis and parttakaris on that ane part, and Johne Logane of Balwee, for his kynn, freindis, seruandis and parttakeris on the tuther part, has efter followis, that is to say: that the said Marioun and Alane hir sone, for them, thare kyn, freindis, seruandis and parttakeris, and the said Johne Logane, for his kyn, freindis, seruandis and parttakeris, with ane consent and assent, has conynglie schothing honorabill men, Patrik Maxwell of Newerk, and William Striueling of Glorat, Capytane of Dumbertane, has neutrall vnsuspek and equall personis, baith schothing in ane voce, has Jugis, arbitratoris, and amicable compositoris, to dissyde, discerne, decretit and counsall, auentis all slauchtoris, hurttis, domagis, skaithis, breking of assuerence, spuizels, reftis, debaitis, actionis of forfactoris, or any vthir controuerSIONES quhatsumevir, depending or that may depend betuix the saidis parteis, quhilkis neutrall persons sall convein into the paroehe kirk of Dumbertane the xxii day of June instant, be ix houris befor nowne, and than sall tak the dischesioun of the saidis actiones or any vther controuerSIONES on them in maner forsaid, and to be sworne tharto, to dissyde, disserne and counsall amicable, and the saidis parteis to convein, day and place above writing, to obeye and vnderly the sentence, ordynance, and counsallis of the saidis neutrall persons, and to be solowme to fulfill the samin, without appellation or reclamacion, quhatsumevir. Quhilk sentence ordynance, decretit and counsall to be geyving furent and pronouncit within xx dayis nix





after the said day of convention, with power to the saidis neutrall personis to prorogate the same to langer dayis has thai sal think neidfull, and in the mane thyme, the saidis parteis, ilk one for them self, ther kyn, frendis, sermandis, and parttakeris, in the law and by the law, assuris vtheris to be one molestit ontrubbit or wexit be vtheris, or ony that thair may latt, on to the day of the promunciation of the decreit or ordinance and counsall to be geving has saidis. And als the said Johne Logane oblis his to solist, lawbor and help at his hole power, to perswad Collyne Campbell of Auchinbowie, his sownes and frendis, to appoint and concord with the said Alane anent the slawcheiteris and displeoris amongis them: And artour, gif ony of the frendis or thair forsaidis lardis, principallie the Lord of Colgrane and his frendis on the tane part, and the lord of Cowdoun and his frendis on the tuther part, will nocht submet them to thair forsaidis jugis, thai sal bring with them to this saidis day sic jugis as thai will wis and abyde att for ather of them, quhilk jugis sal haif sielyk strencht and power to dissyde in and vpon thair particular materis in all behawfis, lyk as the forsaidis Jugis haue vpon the forsaidis principall lardis: In witness of the quhilk thing, all the saidis parteis has subscriuit with thair handis, day, zeir and place aboue writing, befor thair witness: John Striueling of Cragbarnat, Master James Striueling, persoun of Kilmadene, [?] Walter Striueling in Balagane, Walter Glibrecht of Kerscalden, Maister Johne Ker, Johne Busbae of Mukerawft, Johne Lenox, Schir Thomas Jaeson, and Thomas Bischop, notar.

ALANE HAMILTON, of Bardowe, with my hand vpon the pen.

JOHNE LOGANE of Ballewe.

ANDRO STIRLING in Barkeir, with my hand on the pen.

INSTRUMENT of RESIGNATION by Margaret and Marjory Striuelings to John Striueling of Keir, Knight, of the lands of Welesyg, 2nd July 1531.

130. *In Dei nomine, Amen.* Per hoc presens publicum Instrumentum cunctis pateat euidenter, quod anno Incarnacionis Domini, millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo primo, mensis vero Julii die secundo, Indictione quarta, Pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Clementis divina providentia pape septimi, anno octavo: In nostrorum notariorum publicorum et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitute, prouide et honeste mulieres, Margareta Striueling et Mariota Striueling, sorores, filie et heredes quondam Roberti Striueling de Welesyg, et vnaquaque earum particulariter per seipsas, non alii aut auctoritate, nec errore lapsa, seu fraude aut dolo circumuente, sed suis propriis et spontaneis voluntatibus inserante, pure et simpliciter resignauit, renunciarunt, et pro perpetuo sursum reddiderunt et quelibet earum renunciuuit, resignauit, et pro perpetuo sursum reddidit, in manibus honorabilis vivi





Johannis Striueling de Keir militis, baronis baronie omnium et singularum terrarum de Keir, totas et integras predictas terras suas de Welclog, cum mansionem earundem et universis suis pertinentiis, ipsis resignantibus hereditarie pertinentes, jacentes in baronia de Keir infra vicecomitatum de Perth, tanquam in manibus dominorum suorum superiorum earundem, ad perpetuam remanentiam apud dictum Johannem, heredes et assignatos suos, in proprietate hereditaria remansuras. Et hoc propter nonnulla profecta et gratitudines dictis sororibus per ipsam Johannem impensas, ac omni juri et iuris titulo proprietati et possessioni earundem terrarum de Welclog cum pertinentiis renunciaverunt et pro perpetuo cesserunt: Et de non revocando aut contraveniendo huiusmodi renunciacioni et resignacioni in futurum, in iudicio seu extra, dicte Margareta et Mariota, tactis Dei ewangelis jurarunt, et quilibet earum iuravit, ac exonerarunt et absoluerunt conscientias dicti Johannis et sui patris, penes huiusmodi terras de Welclog et mansionem earundem cum suis pertinentiis quibuscumque. Super quibus omnibus et singulis, prefatus Johannes Striueling de Keir miles, a nobis notariis publicis subscriptis sibi fieri petiit publicum siue publica instrumentum seu instrumenta, unum seu plura. Acta erant hec in ecclesia parrochiali de Donyng, hora sexta post meridiem, aut eo circa, sub anno, mense, die, indictione et pontificatu, quibus supra. Presentibus ibidem, Johanne Chayn de Inverdonyn, Roberto Berclay de Strowy, Malicio Morosone, Willelmo Huehou, Matheo Grahame, Andrea Annand, et Andrea Oliphant, testibus ad premissa vocatis atque rogatis.

Et ego dominus Patricius Ross, presbyter Sancti Andree diocesis publicus sacra Apostolica auctoritate notarius, etc.—PATRICIUS ROSS Notarius.

Et ego Thomas Annand, Dunblanensis diocesis, clericus, sacra auctoritate apostolica notarius, etc.—THOMAS ANNAND.

GIFT by Matthew Earl of Lennox, with consent of William Stirling of Glocat his curator, to Sir John Striueling of the Keir, of the nonentry of the lands of Auchinhowye, &c., 1st August 1532.

131. Be it kend, vs Mathow Erll of Lennox, with consent, avis, and autorite of Williame Striueling of the Glocat, our Curateur, to half givin, grantit and disponit, and be thir presentis, givis grantis and disponis to Jhone Striueling of the Keir, Knycht his ayrris or assignais, one or ma, the nonentries and byren malhez of oil and sindrye the landis of Awchinhowe, Blairskayth, Breazet and Banker, with thair portynentis, land within the said erldom, and shir oflen of Striueling, and of the landis of Blarnayn, and Kyrkmechell, liand in the samyn erldom, and shir oflen of Dunbarton, of zeis and ternaez bypast that the samyn or onye part thair of has beyn in our predecessouris handis or



owris, or sall happin to be and to pertene to ws our ayris and successouris, of all termz to cum, and ay and quhill the lauchfull entres of the rychtowis ayr or ayris thairto, with the releif of the samyn gif it sall happin; and als of ane payr of hois of skarlet clayth, zeirlye and of ilk zeir owing to our predicessouris or to ws, be Collin Campbell of Awchinkowye, or be his predicessouris of all zeris bypast for one part of the foirnewyt landis, as is contenit intill his auld infestmentis thairof. To be holdin and to be had the nonentres and byrun malez of the landis of Awchinkowye, Blarskayth, Branzet, Dankeir, Blairnarn and Kirkmeachell, with thair pertinentis, of zeris and termz bygane and to cum, that the samyn hes bene or sall happin to be in the handis of our predicessouris, ouris or our successouris, and ay and quhill the lauchfull entres of the rychtowis ayr or ayris thairto, with the releif of the samyn gif it sall happen, togidder with ane payr of hois of skarlet clayth zeirlye aucht to our saidis predicessouris or to vs of zeris and termz bypast as said is, to the said Jhone, his ayris and assignais ane or ma, with all and sindrye fredomez, comoditeis and profitis thairto pertenyng, with power to hym and thame to dispoyne thairapon, and to compeyne and discharge the said Collin and all vtheris thairof, as thai sall think expedient and to persew and follow the samyn befor quhatsumever Juge or Jugis at thair plesour, turnand and transferrand all rycht claime, and entres that we had, hes, or may haif, in and to the saidis nonentres and birwn malez of all zeris bigayne and to cum, ay and quhill the rychtowis ayr or ayris enter to the saidis landis, with the releif thairof, gif it sall happin, togidder with ane payr of hois of skarlet clayth zeirlye, and of all zeris and termz bypast, in and to the saidis Jhone, his ayris and assignais ane or ma, and sall warrant, aquat and defend the samyn to hym and thame, as law will, and concour to help thame to recouer the samyn. In witness of quilkis, to thir our letteris of dispositioun, cessionerij and assignatioun, subscriuit with our hand our propir seill is affixit, togidder with the seill and subscription of the said William, in taking of his consent, aviss and autorite, at Edinburgh, the first day of August, the zeir of God Jm V<sup>i</sup> thretty twa zeis, befor thir witnes, Patrik Maxwell of Newwerk, Maister Jhone Ker, Thomas Lermontht, William Baifour, and Andro Gorthe, with vtheris diuers,

*William Earl of Argyll*

*William Earl of Argyll*



INSTRUMENT on the Renunciation by Margaret Lewingstoun, spouse of James Hamilltoun of Fynnart, Knight, of her conjunct infeftment of the lands of Bardowe, etc..  
1st August 1532.

132. *In Dei Nomine. Amen:* Per hoc presens publicum Instrumentum cunctis pateat evidenter, quod anno Incarnationis Domini millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo secundo, mensis vero Augusti die prima, Indictione quinta, Pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Clementis, divina providentia pape septimi, anno nono: In aui notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia, personaliter constituta proflida mulier, Margareta Lewingstoun, sponsa nobilis viri, Jacobi Hamilltoun de Fynnart militis, cum consensu et assensu prefati Jacobi sui sponsi, omne jus et juris titulum quod habet habuit aut quousque habere poterit, in et ad suam conjunctam infeftionem omnium et singularum subscriptarum terrarum, videlicet, terrarum de Bardowe, Bucharrage, Kincaid et moendiis eiusdem, ac vnius acre terrarum jacentis ex parte manerii de Bardowe, vnicuique aduocatione, donatione et jure patronatus ecclesie de Barharnok, renuntiavit, pureque et simpliciter extradonavit in fauorem honorabilis viri, Johannis Strindling de Keir militis suorumque heredum: Insuper iuravit per eandem Margaretam, sacrosanctis scripturis ad sacra Dei euangelia, iuravit, extra presentiam dicti Jacobi sui mariti, quod ad prescriptam renunciationem non fuit compulsus, coactus, seductus, seu aliqua alia illicita machinatione circumuenta per dictum Jacobum suum sponsum, seu quemcumque alium, sed ex sua mera, pura et spontanea voluntate, et quod contra premissa nunquam deueniret aut deuenire procurabit, per se vel aliam intermediam personam, quousque colore vel ingenio, in iudicio vel extra, ullis futuris temporibus: Super quibus omnibus et singulis, prefatus Johannes Strindling de Keir miles, a me notario publico subscripto, sibi fieri petiit hoc presens publicum instrumentum, seu publica instrumenta: Acta orant hec in hospitio prefati Jacobi, infra burgum de Linlithgow, hora quasi sexta post meridiem vel eccirca, sub anno, die, mense, indictione et pontificatu quibus supra: Presentibus ibidem honorabilibus viris, Kentigerno Stovinone de Herdsmaneschellis, Andrea Ross et Thoma Leirmonth, cum diversis aliis ad premissa vocatis pariterque rogatis.
- Et ego Johannes Cowtis, clericus Abirdonensis diocesis, publicus sacra auctoritate apostolica notarius, etc.

*JOHANNES COWTIS Notarius.*

[*Dorso.*] Memorandum. This acty was monist be and act vnder painis of cursin, of the samin date of this Instrument, neuer to come in the contrar herof: quhilke act is in the officiallis bookis of Louthane.





DISCHARGE by Thomas Colquhoun of Thornton to Andrew Strueling of Ballindroich. 22nd September 1532.

133. BE it kend till all men be thir present letteris, me Thomas Colquhoun of Thornton, possessour of the landis of Kirktoon: Forsomuche as I have gevin ane letter of Reversioune vnder my proper seill and hand writ, to Andro Strueling of Ballindroich, makand mentioune that quhat tyme and how soon it sall happen him, his airis or assignais, to content and pay to me, my airis or assignais, the sovme of sex scoir five merkis, haill and togidder in ane sovme, into the blak freris kirk of Glasgow, upone the hie altar of the samyn; that I or thair sall resigne, renounce, quitclame, discharge and ourgif to the said Andro, his airis or assignais, all and haill the landis of Kirktoon of Bathernoch, extendand to fifty schilling land of auld extent, with the pertinence, lyand within the erldome of Leynmax and Schireffdome of Dunbartane: Like as al mair lenth is contenit in my said reversioune, of the dait at Ellindurgh, the tent day of Mail, the zeir of God ane thousand five hundreith and thretty twa zeris: off the quhill foir nemmit sovme of sex scoir five merkis, I the said Thomas grantis me to have resaut fra the said Andro, at the day of the making of thir presentis, the sovme of ten merkis, in pairt of payment of the foirsaid sovme of sex scoir five merkis, and the said Andro, his [airis] executouris and assignayis, for me myn airis executouris and assignais, of the said sovme of ten [merkis quitclames] and discharges for now and euir: And at the complet payment of the rest of the said haill sovme, I bind and obliiss me, be the faith and treuch in my body, my airis and assignais, that I or thair incontinent thereftir sall renounce, resigne, quitclame, discharge, and ourgif to the said Andro, his airis or assignayis, all and haill the foirsaid land of Kirktoon of Bathernoch with the pertinence, and grant the samyn landis henchfully redemyt fra me with the tenour of my said reversioune, and sall deliver hym or thame all letteris and evidendis maid to me or my predeceessouris thair apone, but fraude or gyle: In witnes heirof to thir present letteris subscriivit with my hand, my seill is affixt, at Edinburgh, the twenty twa day of September, the zeir of God ane thousand five hundreith and thretty twa zeris, befoir thir witnes, Johne Strueling of Keir knycht, Thomas Leirmonth, William Peirsonne, and James Zoung with vtheris diners.

THOMAS COLQUHOUN of Thornton with my hand.

Tack by John Abbot of Londonis and Consent thereof to Sir John Strueling of the Keir, Knight, of the lands of Beny and Cuddie. 5th October 1532.

134. BE it kend till all men be thir present letteris, ws Johne throw the permissiouns of God



Abbot of Lundoris and Conuent of the sammyn, cheptourly gadderit and ryplye avisit, with the hail consent and assent of our cheptour, the vtilite and profit of ws and ovr place sene and understand to hafe set and for mail lattyn, and be the tenour of thir our present letteris settis and for mail lattis, to our rycht honorable man, Schir Johne Striueling of the Keir knyght, and to his ayris and subtenentis one or may, al land bail ovr landis of Bony and Caithin, with thair pertinentis, to gidder with the tend schavis of the sammyn, lyand within the schirefdome of Perth and our regalite of Lundoris: for al the dayis and termes of nyntene zeris nixt and immediat folowand the entres of the said Schir Johne, his ayris and subtenentis one or may, to the fersaid landis and tend schavis, quhilk entres sal be at the fest of Witsunday nixt and immediat folowand the dait of this write, and frathinfurth to endure ay and quhil the said nyntene zeris be fullye and togidder completit and byrwyne: To be hablin and had al and sindry the said landis of Bonye and Caithin with thair pertinentis, togidder with the tend schavis of the sammyn, to the said Schir Johne his ayris and subtenentis one or may, of ws and our successouris in making, as the said landis lye in lyuth and in breid, be al and sindry rythis markis, metis and devisis, with fre yschay and entray, commawn pastur, with all and sindry other commoditeis, aisamentis, liberteis and profiteis, to the saidis landis and tend schavis pertenand, or rychtously may pertene, any manner of way, with ful power to in put and owt put subtenentis one or may, in the saidis landis and tendis, als oft as is sene expedient to the said Schir Johne and his ayris, endurand the tyme of nyntene zeris as said is: Payand therefor zeirly the said Schir Johne his ayris and subtenentis one or may, to ws our successouris and tactoris, the sowm of twelf pwndis vsual monye of Scotland, at twa vsual termes in the zeir, Witsunday and Mertimes in winter, be zeirlye portionis, togidder with maultur to ovr myl of al cornis growand upon our said landis, with harlage, earlage, sheweteis and do service, als mekil and als oft as sa monye mark land of our landis of Ecdallis dois endurand the tyme fersaid. And gif it sal happin the said Schir Johne his ayris and subtenentis to failze in the payment of our said maultur, harlage, earlage and do service as said is, or in the payment of the Witsunday mail zeirly at Mydsomer, and of Mertimes mail at Sanctandrowis day, and that be requirit in thir caisis or any of thame this our present assedatione to be of none avail, bot expiryt and annullit in the self, and we fre to dispone upon our said landis and tendis without any impediment of the said Schir Johne his ayris and subtenentis quattsumever: Also we fersaid Abbot and Conuent of Lundoris, be thir present letteris markis, constitutis and ordanis the fersaid honorable man, Johne Striueling of the Keir knyght, ovr verroy lawfull and endowit baize of al and sindry



our landis of Feddallis, Estir, Westir and Beny, with their pertinentis, lyand within the schirefdome of Perth foirsaid, and our regalite of Lunderis, for al the dayis and termes of nyntene zeris nixt and immediat folowand the entres of the said Jhone to the said bailzery, quhilk sal be at Witsunday nixt and immediat folowand the dait of this writte, and frathinfurth to endur ay and quhil the said nyntene zeris be fullye and to gidder completit and byrwn. Giffand, grantand, and committand to our said bailze, and to his deputis ane or may, maid with ovr consent, ovr ful power, special mandment and charge, for ws and in ovr name, ovr cowrtis of al and sindry our said landis to fix, hald and afferm, feus and continew, als oft as neid beis and sal be sene expedient to our said bailze and his deputis ane or may as said is, transgressouris to pwneis, eschetis and amersiamentis of our said cowrtis to rais and wp lift, and to our wtilite and profeit alanerly inbring, our tenentis, inhabitantis, and seruandis quhatsumeuer of our said landis, and thair guddis arrestit or attechit befor quhatsumeuer juge or jugis, to the priuilege and fredome of our regalite courtis to replege, reduce and agane bring, and to the parteis pleuzeand, courtis of justice to fix, day and place to assing, colerantis and cawtion to fynd, and for our mailis, fermis, and deweteis of our said landis gif neid beis, at ovr command to pwnal and strenze; and al and sindry other thingis to do exers and use, at to the office of bailzery or knawin to pertene, be law or consuetud of the realme, endurand the tyme foirsaid. And forder gif the said Jhone sal happin to failze in tyme to cum in ony poyntis contenit in his obligation maid to ws, for the obseruing and keping of al poyntis and articulis contenit in the samayne, or in ony of the poyntis or articulis contenit in this our letter of bailzery, this our letter of bailzery in thai caissis to be of nane avail, bot frathinfurth exiprit in the self. For the quhilk office of bailzery and ministracion of justice to be done as said is, we the said Jhone Abbot and Conuent foirsaid grantis and promittis faithfully to pay to our said bailze, in name of fee, be our chawmerlone zeirly, twa markis vsual monye of Scotland, at twa vsual termes in the zeir, Witsunday and Mertimes in winter, be evinly portionis alanerly: Haldand and for to hald ferm and stabill al and sindry thingis quhatsumeuer our said bailze and his deputis ane or may in the premissis dois, or of the law leidis to be done, endurand the tyme foirsaid. And we forsoith the said Jhone Abbot and Conuent foirsaid and our successouris, sal warrand and aganis al delidly defend as law wil, the said landis and tenentis, and this our present assedation, in al poyntis and articulis abone writin to the said Jhone his agnis and subtenentis foirsaid, endurand the tyme of nyntene zeris alanerly: In witness of al and sindry thingis abone writin to this our present letteris of assedation and bailzery we haif appensit our commwn seil, to gidder



with our subscriptionis manual, at Lundoris, the x day of October, in the zeir of God ane thowsand five hundreth thretty and twa zoris.

JOHNNY Abbot of Lundoris.

JOHANNES Supprior eiusdem.

Georgius Bonar. Johannes Blair. Alexander Brown. Ricardus Burear. Wyllhelmus Wehnd. Willhelmus Meffan. Georgius Quhyt. Willhelmus Mortal ad idem. Archbaldus Fyff. Alexander Wrycht. Alexander Richertson. Willhelmus Crag. Gylbertus Merschell. Robertus Jameson. Jacobus Carstaris. Johannes Smyth. Andreas Wod. Andreas Lesly. David Orm. Thomas Vilson. Jacobus Kynloch. Johannes Zowng. Patricius Steil. Alexander Paterson.

SERVICE of E'izabeth Galbreth as one of the nearest heirs of unquhille Thomas Galbreth, sometime Laird of Balkindrocht, her brother, 7th October 1532.

155. CURIA Capitalis vicecomitatus de Striueling, tenta in pretorio eiusdem, septimo die mensis Octobris, Anno Domini, 1<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> xxxii, per nobilem et potentem dominum Johannem Dominum Erskin, vicecomitem eiusdem, et Thomam Porterfeild de Chapelroum eius deputatum: Sectis vocatis, curia affirmata.

ASSISE.

James Halden of Glennegass, John Setone of Gargunnock, Schir James Forestar of Garden, kaycht, Duncan Forestar of Culmore, William Levingston of Kilsith, Walter Stewart of Colling, Thomas Somerville of the Plene, William Fleming of Bore, Rychard Lekky of that ilk, William Levingston, Walter Graham, James Wair, Walter Lokart, John Forestar, John Gentilman.

The quhilk day, the said assis fand and deliuerit, that Elizabeth Gallbreth is one of the sisteris of unquhill Thomas Galbreth, sumtyme lard of Balkindrocht, and is one of the nerrest and lauchfull aris of hym, and second sister in degree, and of lauchfull age.

This is the copy of the deliuerance of the assys abone vryttin in this mater, copyit owt of the Cowrt buk, upon the quhilk the ratour is to be maid.

JOHN LORD ERSKIN.

DECREE of the Lords of Council referring the disputes between John Striueling of the Keir, Knight and John Kinross of Kippencross and his son, to Arbiters 19th July 1533.

156. At Edinburgh, the six day of Julii, the zeir of God 1<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> and xxxiii zoris. In presens





of the Lordis of Counsaile vnderwrittin, that is to say, ane maist reuerend fader in God, Gawine Archibischope of Glasgw chaneclare, venerable faderis in God, Alexander Abbot of Cambuskynnoth president, Robert Abbot of Kinloss, Maister Richert Bathuell, Persoun of Askirk, Maister Henry Quhite, Persoun of Fyrmertin, Maister George Kar, Provost of Dunglass, Maister William Gibson, Dene of Bostadrir, Maister James Foulis, Clerk of Registri, Johnne Campbell of Lundy, knyght, Nicoll Craufurd of Oxingangis Justice Clerk, Maister Adam Otterbourne of Auldhamme, Advocate to oure soueraine lord, Thomas Seot of Poysering, Maister James Lamsoun, Provost of Edinburgh, and Maister Francis Bathuell, burges of the samyn; Comperit Johnne Struiling of the Keir, knyght, on that ane part, and James Kinross, sone and air apperand of Johnne Kinross of Kippanross, and Maister Henry Spittale, procuratour for the said lard of Kippanross, on that vther part, and band, oblist and compromittit thame to abyde vnderly and fulfill the hard decreete and finall sentence of thir personis vnderwrittin, evinlie and commonlie chosin betuix the sadis partiis, and jugis arbitouris, and amicable compoutouris: Anent the conscience and grund rycht of ane decreete of recognitioun past vpon the landis of Lupoche, as in ane summondis for retreting of the said decreete of recognitioun of the sadis landis, raisit at the instance of the said Johnne Kinross of Kippanross, aganis the said Johnne Struiling of the Keir, knyght, is comenit; and anent all vtheris actionis, debatis, querellis, and pleyis, that ony of the sadis partiis hes to allege ask or claime aganis vtheris in ony tyme bigane vnto the day of the dait herof, that is to say, venerable faderis in God, Alexander Abbot of Cambuskynnoth, Robert Abbot of Kinloss, and ane noble and mychtie lord, Johnne Lord Erskyn, and the said venerable faderis hes presantlie takin the said matter in and vpon thame, and thair to convene with the said Lord Erskyn, and solist him, for the weill of baith the sadis partiis, to tak the mater vpon him, and assigne certane dayis and termis as thair sall think expedient to the partiis forsadis, ilk one of thame to gif in thair clamours, rychtis, askingis, petitionis and desyris that ony of thame hes to allege or say aganis vtheris in the said mater, and to persew and defend as accordis; and the jugis arbitouris forsadis to be avisit thairwith, and tharefter to gif furth thair sentence in amiable wys, as thair sall think maist profittable and gunand for the wele of baith the sadis partiis, betuix this and the feist of Sanctandro nixtocum: and quhat decreete and sentence sallhappin to be gevin be thame thareupoun, the samyn to haue effect and strenth of ane decreete of the Lordis of Counsaile in tyme to cum, and the Kingis letteris to be illowd thareon to command and charge, compell and distrenze every one of the sadis partiis for the fulfilling of thair part hereof in forme as afferis. Extractum de libris actuum per nos, Magistrum Jacobum Foulis, Clericum



Rotulorum Registri ac consilii supremi domini nostri Regis, sub nris signo et subscriptione manualibus.

JACOBUS FOCLIS.

DISCHARGE by David Schaw of Camsmoir to John Striueling of the Keir, Knight,  
10th November 1533.

137. I DAVID SCHAW of Camsmoir grantis me fully and compleitly payit, be Johne Striueling of the Keir knyght, of the half sowme of tua hundred merkis, be hym awing to me, for payment of quhilkis he is actit in the Comissaris bewkis of the kingis Chapell Riall of Striueling, and the termes off payment thairof bipast: And als I haif resauit fra hym the sowme of four pund of the Witsonday makis last bipast, of the xl schilling land of Ardquhilloure, quhilk landis the said Johne redemit fra me: and nochttheles he promittit to gif me the said liii<sup>s</sup> in cais that he fulzeit in payment of the said ii<sup>s</sup> merkis at the days contenit in the said act: quharfor I hold me weill contentit and compleitly payit of the said half sowme of ii<sup>s</sup> merkis, togidder with the said liii<sup>s</sup> of makis, and quitclames and dischargis the said Johne of the samyn for ever, and will and consentis that the said act maid thairupon be destroyit anentis the payment of the saidis sowmes. In witnes of quhilkis, I haif subscriit this acquitance and discharge with my hand, at the Keyr, the x day of November, the zero of God Jun V<sup>s</sup> threty thre zeris, betoir thir witnes, George Schaw of Knockhill, James Kynloch of Row, James Schaw sone to the Lard of Knockhill, Thomas Leirnocht, Alexander Stewart, Jok Striueling, and Donald McGilwe, with vtheris others.

DAVID SCHAW wyth my hand.

Letter by King James V. to the Provosts, &c., of Glasgw and Dunbertane relative to the supply of wine to Dunbertane Castle, 4th April [1533?]

#### REX.

138. PROWEST, balzeis, aldermen and communitis of our cete and burgh of Glasgw and Dunbertane: Forsamekill as heidfull it is that our Castell of Dunbertane be furnist with victuallis for the swer keping of the samyn, and als that furnishing of wyne be had therinto for our prowissoun to be rady to us and our cuning in tua partis: Our will is heirfor, and alswa requestis, requyris, and chargis zow and ilkane of zow, officiaris forsaidd, and all vtheris officiaris present and to cum, and of the schipis franchie men and prysis now cuning in zowr water and beandis, and seyk upon any vtheris schipis of our Regis or of strangeris [that cumis within zowr [waters],] radis or



hyewynis with wynis, that ze in[continent deliuer] to William Stry[ueling of Glorat.] Capytane of our said Castell, his Constabill, fa[ctouris by his com]and, thre or four townis of wyne of enery schip that arryvis within zowr boundis, to be takin of the first and hale heid of euerie ilk schip of the best sort of wynis, as he sal think nescesar and expedient for prowissoun and furnessing our selff and our said Castell, and that he be first ansuerit thereof befor any otheris: He paying to zow, or to the merchandis quham to the saidis wynis pertenis, sielyk and als neckill for the samin, as ze pay for the reminent offering to the part that he exceppis and reseruis therof: And this ze do as ze will do ws plesor; and vnder all the hiest pane and chargis that efter may follow: Subseruit with our hand at Strincling the ferd day of Aprile, and of our regnne the  
zeir,

JAMES R.

RATIFICATION by King James V. to George Stirling of Glorat, of the office of Constable of Dumbarton Castle, 13th April 1534.

REX.

139. WEE having consideration of the thankfull and true service done to us and our maist noble father be unquhill William Stirling of Glorat, and his father; and that the said William is crewelly slain the last Good-Friday acting for us direct in our chairge and service; be thir presents ratifies and approves to George Stirling his sone and air, the letter of assedation of the constabulary and keeping of our house and castle of Dumbartan, with all lands profits and emoluments pertaining thereto, grantit and given by us to the said William and his airs, for certain years contained thereinto; and wills he bruik the samen efter the tenor thereof, he serving us truly in the said office: Subserived with our hand att Stirling, the thirtein day of Aprile, and of our reigne the twenty-first year.

JAMES R.

LETTER by King James V. to George Stirling of Glorat, thanking him for his service done to the King, 21st May 1534.

REX.

140. TRUST and well beloved friend, we greet you heartily well; and has understand by our secretar, and James Wallace, Purservant, the bearer, your dilligence and good service done to us att this time, whereby ye could have done us me greater pleasour, wherefor we thank you greatly, praying you to continew in your dilligence and gud service in time coming: likeas the said James will inform you, as ye will report





our speciall thanks and reward, and doe us singular emblesour: Subscribed with our hand and under our signet, att Dundee, the twenty first day of May, and of our reigne the twenty first year.

JAMES REX.

WARRANT by King James V. to the Captain, Constable, and Keepers of his Castle of Dunbartane, to set Walter Grahame at liberty, 27th June 1534.

REX.

141. CAPITANE, Constable, and Keparis off our Castell of Dunbartane. It is our will and we charg you, that incontinent efter the syght heroff, ze deliver and put to fredome Walter Grahame, now bound in ward wythin our said Castell, to pass at his libertie quhar he plesis: ze keparid this wryttyne for your warnid: Giffyine vnder our signet, and subseriuit wyth our hand, at our Castell off Striueling, the xxvii day of Junii, and of our regune the xxi zer.

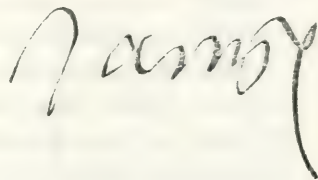
JAMES R.

SIGNATURE by King James V. to John Striueling of the Keir, of the lands of Kippenedawy, 18th January 1535.

142. OURE Souerane Lord ordonis ane charter of confirmatioun to be maid vnder his geestele in the mare forme. Ratified, approuand, and for his hienes and successoris perpetuely confirmand the charter maid be John Creichtoun of Rwnanis to John Striueling of the Keir, knyght, his airis and assignis, off all and sichey his landis of Kippenedawy with the pertinentis, land within the Shirefdom of Perth in excaumbium with certane vtheris his landis, lyand in the barony of Touchadam, within the Shirefdom of Striueling, contentit in vtheris evidencis maid to the said John Striueling thairpoun, for the said John Striuelingis landis off the Manis of Megill Brawland, Smythland, and dewtois of the sammyne, with all thair pertinentis lyand within the said Shirefdom of Perth, that is to say, the saidis landis of Kippenedawy, to be holdin of oure Souerane Lord and his successoris, as at maid lath is contentit in the said chartir of excaumbium maid thairpoun. Salfand to his hieness and successoris, rychtis and service of the saidis landis of Kippenedawy necht and went be-for the said confirmatioun. Attour, gif it sall happin the saidis landis of Kippenedawy and Touchadam, with thair pertinentis to be exierit, recoverit or redounit fra the said John Striueling, his airis or assignis, in any vis, so that thair may be out pientelly breik and geis the sammyne, be verrow of the saidis clouris and infermentis maid to hym thairpoun, in that said oure Souerane Lord willis and grantis, and for his bliness and successoris, decernis and ordonis that



the said Jhon Striuling, his airis and assignais, sall half full and fre regress and ingress to the saidis landis of the Manis of Megyil, with all there pertinentis forsaiblis, and now as than, and than as now ressaais, admittis, ratifis and appreis thaim heretabill tenentis to his hienes thareof: to be haldin of his grace and successoris in sielyk maner, and for sielyk service, as the said John Striuling held the sammyne of befor the said exchambian allanerly; and that preceptis be directit ordourly herypon: Subscriuit be oure souerane lord, at Striueling, the xviii day of Januar, the zeir of God 1<sup>re</sup> V<sup>re</sup> xxxv zeiris.


Compositio vij<sup>th</sup>

[Dorso.]

JA. COLVILLE.

GEORGIUS Thesaurarius Abirdonensis.

PRECEPT of SASINE by William Livingstoun of Kilsytht for infetting Janet Striueling of Caddie in the lands of Bankeir, etc., 9th November 1537.

143. WILLELMUS LEVINGSTOUN de Kilsytht, dilectis meis Thome Broun seniori, Thome Broun juniori, Patricio Watsons, Thome Atzing, balliis meis in hac parte, conjunctim et divisim, specialiter constitutis, Salutem: Quia duo brevia supremi domini nostri Regis, sub testimonio sui magni sigilli inclusa, in debita forma cancellarie michi presentata sunt, quorum unum in se mentionem continet, quod Colinus Campbell de Auchinhowye, superior immediatus terrarum de Bankeir et Branzet cum pertinentiis, jacentium in comitatu de Leuenox infra vicecomitatum de Striueling, per diversa precepta et mandata cancellarie supremi domini nostri Regis, requisitus fuit ad dandum saisnam dictarum terrarum de Bankeir et Branzet, Jonete Striueliag de Caddie vel suis actornatis, et eisdem minime obediit: Aliud vero breve dictę cancellarie proportionans, quod dicitur Colinus, superior immediatus memorate Jonete terrarum de Kirkmychall et Blarnie, jacentium in dicto comitatu infra vicecomitatum de Dumbertane, per diversa precepta et mandata dictę cancellarie, ad dandum saisnam prefate Jonete dictarum terrarum de Kirkmychall et Blarnie similiter requisitus etiam minime obediit: Et propterea quia prenominate terre per dictum Colinum de hac immediate tenentur in capite, in requiringdo saisnam predictarum terrarum prefate Jonete tradere et deliverare, sub jurecuinlibet: prout in hujusmodi brevibus michi directis plenius continetur: Hęc igitur,



dictis breuibus siue preceptis regis parere volens vt teneor. Vobis et vestrum cuilibet, coniunctim et diuisim, balliuis meis in hac parte, firmiter precipio et mando quatenus visis presentibus, indilate accedatis seu alter vestrum accedat ad predictas terras . . . et ibidem statim sasinam hereditariam, et possessionem corporalem, actualem et realem omnium et singularium prefatarum terrarum suprascriptarum cum pertinentiis, dicte Jonete Striueling de Cadder, vel suo actornato lateri presentium, per deliberationem terrarum et lapidum fundorum eorundem vt moris est, iuste haberi faciatis et deliberetis, secundum tenorem antique sue infeodationis; et hoc nullo modo mutatis: Ad quod faciendum vobis et vestrum cuilibet, coniunctim et diuisim, meam plenariam et irreuocabilem tenore presentium committo potestatem: In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus est appensum, vnacum mea subscriptione manuali, apud Faulkirk, nono die mensis Nouembris, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo septimo, coram his testibus, Johanne Striueling de Keer militi, Thoma Leirmointh, Alexandro Levingstoun, Jacobo Henderstoun, Willelmo Peirson, Johanne Leis, Thomas Makeorrane et domino Alexandro Robeson capellano ac notario publico, cum diuersis aliis.

WELZE LEVINGSTON of kyl-yt w: my hand.

GIFT by King James V. to John Striueling of the Keire, Knight, of the escheat of unquhill Colin Campbell of Auchinhowe, 18th December 1537.

144. JAMES, be the grace of God King of Scottis. To oure Shireff of Striueling and his deputis, and to our laittis messingeris, oure Shireffis in that part, coniuictlie and seuerallie, specialie constitute, Greting. Witt ze ws to haue gevin and grantit, and be thir our letteris, gevis and grantis, to oure louit Johnne Striueling of the Keire, knyght, his airis and assignais, aue or ma, all and singly the gulis movabill, dettis, obligationis, actionnis, takkis, stedingis, cornis, eatall and viliris quhatsumever, quilkis pertenis to vnquhill Colyn Campbell of Auchinhowe, and now pertenging to ws, and being in our handis be resoun of eschete, throw the conuicting and justifying of the said Colyne in the Justice Court haldin in our tolbuthe of Edinburghe, befor our Justice and his deputis the xv day of November, the zeire of God Jm V: xxxvij zeris, be ane assise, for art and part of the cruell slaughteris of vnquhill Alane Hammytoun of Bardowe, Robert Striueling of the Lettir, and Andre Striueling of Bollindrouch, and being at our home for the said slaughteris; Exceptand the count, count and gulis interuentit with be our cousing, Johnne Lord Erskin, our Shireff of Striueling being within our said shirefdome of Striueling, becaus he hes introuettit thairwira, and hes promist to inbring



the samyne to our vse: . . . . Quharfore, we charge straitlie, and commandis zow our said Shireff of Striueling, and zour deputis, and vthiris, our officiaris, Shireffis in that part forsaidis, to serehe and seik the saidis eschete gudis, dettris, takkis, obligatiounis, actiounis, and vthiris, as said is, quhatsumever, quharever thai can be apprehendit, except befor exceptit, and mak the said Johune Striueling, his airis and assignais forsaid, be thankfully, pait and obeyit tharof, and gif neid beis, to poynd, compell, and distrinze, the withhaldaris tharof for the samyne, thare landis and gudis as efteris: The quhilk to do we committ to zow, coniunctlie and severalie, our full power, be thir our letteris, delivering thame be zou dedlie execute and indorsate agane to the berar. Gevin vnder oure priuie sele, at Edinburgh, the xvij day of December, the zeire of God, Jm V<sup>o</sup> xxxvij zeris, and of oure regne the xxv zeire.

Per Signaturam manu Supremi Domini Nostri Regis subscriptam.

RETOUR of George Striueling of Gloret, as heir of his Father William Striueling of Gloret, in the lands of Eister Gloret and Wester Gloret, 15th January 1537.

145. Hec Inquisitio facta fuit in pretorio burgi de Striueling, coram nobili domino, Johanne Domino Erskiu, vicecomite de Striueling, et Roberto Bruce ipsius deputato eiusdem, decimo quinto die mensis Januarii, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo septimo, per hos honorabiles viros, Johannem Striueling de Kere militem, Robertum Bruce de Artht, Thomam Somerville de Plane, Alexandrum Drummond de Carnok, Jacobum Bruce, Robertum Bissat de Querrell, Richardum Lekky de eodem, Johannem Cragingelt de eodem, Alexandrum Levingstoun de Terenterane, Johannem Levingstoun de Manerstone, David Levingstoun de Dawlress, Willelmum Crawford de Hanyng, Duncanum Forestar de Culhoore, Alexandrum Levingstoun de Gragfut, et Johannem Douglas in Sauchy: Qui iurati dicunt, quod quondam Willelmus Striueling de Gloret, pater Georgii Striueling de Gloret tutoris presentium, obiit ultimo vestitus et satus, ut de feodo, ad pacem et fidem supremi domini nostri Regis, de omnibus et singulis terris de Estir Gloret et Westir Gloret, cum turri et manerio earundem, salva et excepta tertia parte septimarum partium dictarum terrarum de Estir et Westir Gloretis, que olim pertinebat quondam Marjorie Hepburn hereditarie: necnon de superioritate omnium et singularum terrarum de Estir Baldoren, que olim pertinebat hereditarie Waltero Stewart, cum decimis et servitiis de omnibus suis pertinentiis, iacquebus nunc infra vicecomitatum de Striueling: Et [quod] dictus Georgius est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Willelmi patris sui, de dictis terris turre manerio et





superioritate cum suis pertinentiis, exceptis perprius exceptis. Et quod est legitime etatis: Et quod dicte terre de Westir Gloret, cum terre et manerio eandem, exceptis perprius exceptis et dicte terre de Estir Baldoren, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, nunc valent per annum viginti libras vstalis monete roundi Senio, et tempore pacis novem libras xliii s. x d. dicte monete: et quod dicte terre de Estir Glorat cum pertinentiis, exceptis prius exceptis nunc valent per annum decem libras, et in tempore pacis quatuor libras xliii s. x d. dicte monete: Et quod omnes prenominate terre de Estir et Westir Gloretis, cum turre et manerio eandem, exceptis perprius exceptis, et omnes et singule terre de Estir Baldoren, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, teneantur de Matheo Comite de Leuenax, de modo sequente, videlicet, dicte terre de Westir Gloret, cum turre et manerio eandem, exceptis perprius exceptis, et omnes et singule dicte terre de Estir Baldoren, cum suis pertinentiis, in albedinum reddendo pro eisdem annuatim, dicte comiti et heredibus suis, unum denarium argenti apud dictum manerium in festo Penthecostes, nomine albedinum, si petatur: et pro dictis terris de Estir Glorat, exceptis perprius exceptis, dicte comiti et heredibus suis, reddendo annuatim tres sextas curie ad tria placita capitalia dicti comitatus de Leuenax, nomine wardie et reliqui tantum, pro omni alio onere, &c.: Et quod omnes et singule dicte terre de Estir Gloret, Westir Gloret, cum turre et manerio eandem, exceptis perprius exceptis, et omnes et singule dicte terre de Estir Baldoren, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, fuerunt in membris supremi domini nostri Regis, a decessu quondam Johannis Comitis de Leuenax, usque ad diem Sancti Mathei Apostoli ultimam elapsam ante diem date presentium, per spatium undecem annorum vel eccirca, ratione wardie dicti comitis, et ab dicte die Sancti Mathei, ad quem dictus Mathews Comes de Leuenax fuit etatis viginti unius annorum, et intravit ad predictum suum comitatum, fuerunt in membris suis ratione nonintretus, in defectu veri heredis ipsorum huius usque milicie prosequenti. In cuius inquisitionis testimonium sigilla quorundam eorum qui dictam inquisitionem intererant faciende, videlicet beati capelle regie intus clauso, sub inclusione sigilli dicti vicecomitis presentibus sunt appensu, anno, die, mense, et loco quilibet supra.

INDENTURE between John Scrimeling of the Keir, Knight, and Patrick Monteith, son and heir of unquhile James Monteith of Raith, 8th May 1538.

143. Thair Endenturis maid at Edinburch, the viii day of Maik, the air of God 1538, threty night z-ris, propertis, contranis and bevisidels and sufficient witnessing in the self: That it is appoguit, contraitit and fensidit betwix John Scrimeling of the Keir knyght, on that one part, Patrik Monteith, son and heir of unquhile James Monteith of Raith,



on that vther part, as followis, that is to say: That the said Patrik sal instantlie mak sufficient letteris of procuratoris to the said Johne, making him, or vtheris quham plesis the said Johne to nemme, his lauchful procuratoris to reis breves of our souerane lordis chapell for the said Patrik, to mak him be enterit and seruit of his landis of Caizemack, lyand within the stewartry of Menteith and shirefdom of Pertat, and thairefter recouer saising to him of the samin, be actornalis to be resit indikwyis furth of our souerane lordis chancellarie: and also to resigne the saidis landis of Caizemack with the pertinentis in the handis of our souerane lord the Kingis grace, or thame havand powar to ressaue the said resignatioun, in fauer of quhame sal plesis the said Johne, heretable to remane with thame: And that the said Johne sal do his diligence to get the samin sped and done betuix and Mychalmes nixtocum, or within xx dayis thaireffir: For the quhilkis resignatioun and alienatioun to be maid to quhame the said Johne plesis of the saidis landis, he sal content and pay to the said Patrik the somme of ane hundreit frankis franche money, within ane moneth after the said resignatioun and alienation, and sall caus Maister Thomas Marioggbankis, or vtheris merchandis of Edinburcht, ansuer the said Patrik thair of in the realm of Fransch at tyme forsaid, the said Patrik than deliuerand giue vtheris evidendis and securiteis of the said alienatioun of the saidis landis to quham plesis the said Johne, necessar and sufficient for the securite: In wtnes heirof baith the saidis Johne and Patrik hes subscriuit thir indenturis in dowble forme, at Elinburcht, day and zeir abone writtin, befor thir wtnes, Thomas Leirmoitht, Schir Henry Fyngask, James Henriesone, William Peirson, Thomas Byschop, and James Bannatyne notaris publict, with vtheris diners.

PATRIK MENTEITH of Racho with my hand on the pen.

JACOBS BANNATYNE testatur per [hec]  
scripta se inter testes ad premissa re-  
quisitum fuisse.

Ita est THOMAS Byschop notarius pub-  
licus in premissis requisitus, de man-  
dato dicti Patricii Menteith ipso nes-  
ciente scribere, premissa approbans:  
teste manu mea propria.

[Dorso.]

Vltimo die mensis Januarii, anno Domini 1<sup>st</sup> V<sup>o</sup> 41<sup>mo</sup>: Monitus est Patricius Menteith retroscriptus, ex sua propria confessiōe, ad perimplenda et observanda omnia et singula contenta in retroscripta indentura, Jacobo Strucling, filio et heredi quondam Joannis Strucling de Keir militis, in omnibus suis pueris et articulis, in terminis in eadem indentura contentis, sub pena excommunicatiōis: Neque approbavit, ratificavit, et recognovit retroscriptam indenturam, et affirmavit eandem, manu sua tangente penam subscriptorum notariorum retroscriptorum.



INDENTURE between John Struueling of the Keir, Knycht, and David Ramsay of Colliithe, 9th March 1538.

147. THIR Endenturis maid at Edinbroucht, the nynt day of Marche, the zeir of God 1<sup>st</sup> V<sup>l</sup> xxxviii zeiris, propartis and beris witness in the self: that it is appoyntit and agreit betuix honorable men, Johne Struueling of the Keir knycht, on the tane part, and David Ramsay of Colliithe on the uthir part, in maner and effect as efter followis, that is to say, The said David, be his charter and precept for saising in dew forme of alienatioun, sail annalie to the said Johne heretabillie, his five merk land and extent of Dackland Kinloicht, with thair pertinentis, lyand in the stewartry of Menteith and shirefdom of Perth, vnder his sele and subscription manuell, to be holdin of our soverane Lord, siclike as the said David held the samin of befoir: on the quibilk alienatioun the said Johne sail rais our soverane Lord's confirmatioun on his awin coist and expensis, and als the said David, for him his aris, executouris, and assignais, and for all vtheris be him or throw his rycht may clame interes thairis, exoneris, quitchousis, and dischargis the said Johne Struueling, his aris, executouris, and all vtheris that throw him or at his command hes intromettit or occupit the said five merk land, iustlie or iniustlie, in any tyme bigane, befoir the deit heit of, and for all intrometting and vspaking of the mekis profitis and dewteis thairis be the said tyme and space, and exoneris him and thame of the samin for euire: And attoure, the said David sail mak and giff sufficient letteris of powar to the said Johne his aris and assignais in sufficient forme, to follow and persew James Kinloicht, sone to vinquille Johne Kinloicht in Rowis, for all soymes of money awing be the said James to the said David for the by runn tomes of the saidis five merk land, and to inbring the samin to the said John his aris and assignais use, to remane with him and thame, of all zeiris and termes bigast: And also to call the said James, in name and behalf and at the instance of the said David, befoir quhatsum-euir juge or jugis that plesis the said Johne, to here decernit and declarit that the assediatioun of lifrent allorit be the said James to pertene to him, be any letteris or rychtis grantit or gevin to him or his said vinquille fader, be vinquille Jonete of Kinloicht, grandame to the said David, or be him self, to be of nane avale force nor effect, throw the nochtfulfilling of certene poyntis and conditionis, and nocht paying to the said David of the tomes of the foirsaidis landis, efter the tenour of ane instrument takin thair-upoun in the handis of William Rutherford nottar publick, or be any vther rychtis or resonsis that may be perswit be the said David, or in his name and behalf, for expyring or annulling of the said James firsaid allorit assediatioun, to the effect that gif the samin may be iustlie be any maner of way expyrit or annullit, that the samin may be





led and done to the extent that the said Johne may set and dispoſe the ſaidis landis at his pleaſour: For the quhillkis alienation and vtheris cauſis abone writtin, the ſaid Johne Strueling ſall content and pay to the ſaid David, his aris, executouris, and assignais, within tua moneth eftir the date hereof, the ſomme of fourtene ſcor of markis vſuale money of this rethme, and ſall be actit in the officiallis bukis of Lothian, and cauſe and noble and mychty lord William Lord Rutheren, as cautioner for him and with him, commetlie and ſeneralie, vnder painis of curſing, for payment of the ſaid ſomme to the ſaid David within the terme abone writtin, and to the aris, executouris, and assignais of the ſaid David, and als the ſaid David ſalbe iulykoryis actit in the ſamin officiallis bukis under the ſamin pane, for obſerving and fulfilling of the premiſis to the ſaid Johne his aris and assignais: Exceptand the ſaid David his aris and assignais ſal nocht be haldin to warrant to the ſaid Johne his aris nor assignais the talkis and aſſeſſation of the ſaidis landis with their pertinentis, ſer be the ſaid David or be his ſaid vnpuhile grandame, to the ſaid vnpuhile Johne Kinloch, or to the ſaid James his ſon, nor in lykewis the five zeris talkis of the ſaidis landis ſer be the ſaid David to Niniane Satoun of Tulyboly knycht almerlie: And als the ſaid Johne and Lord Rutheren ſal cauſe James Zoung burges of Edinbrough, and taking of him and vther burges of the ſaid burgh reſponſall, to be actit with thame in the ſaidis officiallis bukis, commetlie and ſeneralie, vnder the pane foirsaid, for payment of the ſaid ſomme of fourtene ſcor of markis, at day abone ſpecificit, and the ſaid David ſall deliver his ſaid instrument vnder the ſigne of the ſaid William Rutherford to the ſaid Johne Strueling, of the ſaid James obliging for exſpyring of the ſaid aſſeſſation, in als he ſhallzeill in payment of the malis of the ſaidis landis as is befor writtin, to the effect the ſaid Johne may perſew the ſamin, and ſall conſeur for help of the ſaid Johne thairunto: In witnes of the quhillkis, baith the ſaidis partiis hes ſubſcriuit other part of this endouris with their handis, day, zeir and place abone writtin, befor thir witnes, Maister Henry Balgawis, Maister David Ramsay, Maister David Balgour, Thomas Larmochit, James Hendersone and Thomas Biſchop nottar publict, with vtheris diuers.

JHON STRUELING of the Keir wt my hand.

DAVID RAMSAY of Culbuthie.

Die decimo tertio mensis Martii, anno Domini 1<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> xxxviii: Proscriptus Johannes Strueling de Keir miles monitus est, ex sua propria confessione, sub pena excommunicationis, submittere se jurisdictioni nostro in hac causa, ad persequendum et observandum omnia et singula contenta in prescripta indentura, in singulis suis punctis et articulis, secundum formam et tenorem eisdem. Insuper prefatus David Ramsay de Culbuthie monitus est ut superius ad persequendum et observandum prescriptam indenturam se



singulis suis punctis et articulis, secundum totam eandem, infra quatuordecim dies postquam summa ducentarum et octuaginta monetarum in prescripta habentur contenta fuerit sibi plenarie persoluta, per dictum Johannem Strickling de Keir militem.

EDUARDES DIXSON notarius publicus manu sua.

DISCHARGE by David Ramsay of Collieston to John of Strickling of the Keir, Knight,  
22nd May 1539.

148. I DAVID RAMSAY of Collieston grants me to haf resault fro Thomas Leirmonth, in name and behalf of Jhone of Strickling of the Keir Knycht, his maister, the sowme of Sex seoir of pundis, vsuall money of Scotland, in-safer of payment of the sowme of fourtene seoir of merkis be hym owing to me, as in ane contract maid be thair vs tharupon at man lyndit is contentit: And tharfor quittance and dischargis the said Jhone of the said sowme of sex seoir of pundis, his airis executouris and assignais, for me my airis executouris and assignais for now and eoir, be this my acquitance, subscriit with my hand at Kingorn, the xxii day of Maii, the zeir of God D<sup>e</sup> V<sup>e</sup> xxxix zeiris, beoir thir witnes, Charles Geddess, Emeniduss Gourlay, Bernard Oliphant, and David Badfour, with vtheris divers.

DAVID RAMSAY.

DECREE by the Official of Glasgow, at the instance of George Strickling of Gleret, against George Buchquhannan of that ilk, 14th April 1539.

149. CRISTI Nomine Inuocato: Nos Johannes Spruebe, Canonicus ecclesie metropolitane Glasguensis, ac commissarius venerabilis et egregii viri Magistri Ade Colquhoun, Canonici etiam dicte ecclesie Glasguensis ac Officialis eiusdem Generalis: Itaque in quadam causa mota inter Georgium Strickling de Gleret, actorem, ab vna, et Georgium Buchquhannan de eodem, reum, partibus ab altera: penes contenta in libello ipsius Georgii Strickling, in quo assertum quod ipse habuit, nuntius et mandato serenissimi principis Jacobi Scottorum Regis moderni, Walterum Buchquhannan, fratrem germanum ipsius Georgii rei, causa custodiri in Castro de Dunbartane, in carcere, vlgò le ward, et prout ipse Walterus erat prius in huiusmodi castro incarcerationatus, tempore decessus quondam Willelmi Strickling, olim Capitanei de Dunbartane, patris ipsius Georgii actoris: Item quod prefatus Georgius libellatus persolvere et deliberare promisit sibi Georgii libellanti, pro esculentis et potulentis dandis, et ministrandis sui Waltero, quomodo contingeret ipsum Walterum remanere in custodia in huiusmodi castro cum ipso libellante, pro esculentis et potulentis adidigis, quolibet



die duas solidos monete Scotie videlicet quilibet septimo seu octavo die illi solidos monere: Necnon vltra premissa ipse libellatus videlicet persolvere et deliberare promisit sibi libellanti, duas solidos monete, pro quolibet die vnius quatuor partis anni, quo dictus Walerus prius fuerat manutentalis cum dicto quondam Wilhelmo patre ipsius libellantis, cui ipse libellantis est heres: In qua quarta parte anni dictus Walerus erat commensalis cum dicto quondam Wilhelmo, et cum eodem sustentatus in esculentis et potulentis: Item, quod dictus Georgius ab dictis susceperit per se, et suos eius nomine et nomine prefatum Walerum in esculentis et potulentis in huiusmodi castra, a festo Sancti Michaelis Archiducis videlicet a penultimo die mensis Septembris, in anno Domini etc. quingentesimo quadringentesimo, aut circiter, usque festum Sancti Equitii Abbatis, videlicet, primum mensis Septembris, in anno Domini etc. quingentesimo xxxvii<sup>o</sup>, aut circiter: Item, quod promissa non obstantibus, dictus Georgius libellatus solutionem et deliberationem duorum solidorum monete, dictam et quolibet die a penultimo mensis Septembris, in anno Domini etc. quingentesimo xxxvii<sup>o</sup>, usque primum Septembris, in anno Domini etc. quingentesimo xxxviii<sup>o</sup>, ac solutionem et deliberationem duorum solidorum dictam et quolibet die vnius quatuor partis anni sibi Georgio libellanti postponit et remittit licet requiritur, ut in dicto libello ad plenum continetur: Viso huiusmodi libello, responsione ipsius Georgii vel in eadem, trigesimo octavo desuper facta: Cuius etiam testium depositionibus super dicto libello productis, actores quorum dicta nichil emoluerunt appositum fuerat: viso etiam quodam instrumentum sub signo et subscriptione notarii eius domini Georgii Roberti notarii publici, testis, que cause meritis, pro tribuendi solones et solum Deum per omnes habentes per hanc nostram sententiam diffinitivam, quam prius in his scriptis, promissionibus decoravimus, et sententiam condempnamus prefatum Georgium libellatum, in duobus solidos monete dictam et quolibet die, a penultimo mensis Septembris, in anno Domini etc. quingentesimo xxxviii<sup>o</sup>, usque primum diei mensis Septembris, in anno Domini etc. quingentesimo xxxvii<sup>o</sup>, pro suis esculentis et potulentis ut supra solvendis sibi Georgio libellanti ratione qua supra, infra, tres menses: Propterea absolvimus ipsum Georgium libellatum a ceteris penoris in libello ipsius Georgii libellantis, prout petuntur et in causa debentur: Condemnantes ipsum Georgium libellatum in expensis litis, congruis taxatione reservata: Lecta, lata, et in scriptis promulgata fuit hec nostra sententia diffinitiva in presentia ipsius Georgii actoris, eadem cum instantia fieri postulamus, apud Glasgow die xliiii mensis Aprilis, anno Domini etc. quingentesimo xxxviii<sup>o</sup>.

JOHANNES BURNES.





DEGREE of Bastardy pronounced by William [Chisholme] Bishop of Dunblane, against Elizabeth Buchquhannan and Egidie Buchquhannan 23rd September 1539.

150. **CRISTI Nomine Imbecato:** Nos Wilhelmus Dei et apostolice sedis gratia, Episcopus Dunblanensis, iudexque cause et partibus infra scriptis, pro tribunali sedentes in quodam causa bastardia, per honorabiles personas, Margaretam Buchquhannan et Johannam Buchquhannan, filias naturales legitimas et heredes honorabilis quondam vivi, Patrii Buchquhannan de Lany, et Willielmum Lok juniorum, sponsam dictæ Margarete, et Mauritium McNachtane, sponsam dictæ Janete, pro eorum interesse, actores ab una, contra et adversus Elizabeth Buchquhannan et Egidiam Buchquhannan, filias naturales dicti quondam Patrii, et Andream Murray, sponsam dictæ Elizabeth, et Alexandram Stewart, sponsam prefatæ Egidie, pro eorum interesse, nos partibus ab altera: eorum nobis judicialiter ventilata controversas, auditis prius partium predictarum petitione, responsione allegationibus testium depositionibus, eorumque juribus hinc inde productis per nos prius visis, auditis, intellectis, ruminatis, et ad plenum discussis, juxta ea que vidimus, audimus et concepimus, jurisjuramentorum communitate consilio et secuto, quibus fidem fieri fecimus religionem in eadem, solum Deum pre oculis habentes, eiusque nomine sanctissimum primum imbecato: per hanc nostram sententiam diffinitivam, quam ferimus in lris scriptis: Proclamamus, decernimus et declaramus fieri Elizabeth et Egidiam Buchquhannanis libellatas filias naturales inter dictum quondam Patrium et Margaretam Buchquhannan procreatas, nullo constante matrimonio inter eodem quondam Patrium et Margaretam Buchquhannan sive legitime, illegitimas et bastardas: et propterea inhabiles ad successionem hereditatis paternæ, videlicet dicti quondam Patrii Buchquhannan de Lany eorum patris, prout ex delictis et productis eorum nobis legitime probatum existit, condemnandas fore et condemnari debere, prout condemnamus, allegatis pro parte dictarum Elizabeth et Egidie Buchquhannanis Andree Murray et Alexandri Stewart, eandem sponsorum, pro eorum interesse, in contrarium minime obstantibus: Dictisque Elizabeth et Egidiam Buchquhannanis, Andream Murray et Alexandrum Stewart, pro eorum interesse, in expensis in lite factis et fieris eadem nostra sententia condemnantes, ipsarum tamen expensarum taxatione nostro iudicio in posterum reservata: Lecta lata et in scriptis promulgata fuit hæc nostra sententia diffinitiva in ecclesia nostra cathedrali Dunblanensi loco, consistoriali eiusdem, vigesimo tertio die mensis Septembris, anno domini millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo nono, in fatione decima tertie constitutionis sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Pauli, divina providentia pape tertii, anno quinto: ad instantiam domini Jacobi Elmerod, procuratoris dictarum Margarete et Janete, et





suorum sponsorum, et in penam contumacie Roberti Lermonth, procuratoris dictarum Elizabeth et Egedie, et eorum sponsorum, legitime citari, vocari, et non comparentis. In quorum omnium et singulorum fidem et testimonium premissorum, has literas nostras testificatorias seu testimoniales exinde fieri fecimus, et per notarium publicum subscriptum, scribam nostre curie, subscribi et publicari mandavimus, sigilliq[ue] nostri rotundi appensione jussimus et fecimus communiti, apud civitatem nostram Dunblanensem, die, mense et anno quibus supra: Presentibus ibidem, circumspectis et discretis viris, dominis et magistris Johanne Chiesholme, archidiacono nostre ecclesie cathedralis Dunblanensis, Jacobo Wilsons e canonico abbatem, Stephano Culross, vicario de Eyntra, Willielmo Moresone, notariis publicis, et David Gourlay presbyteris, testibus ad premissa vocatis atque rogatis.

Et ego Andreas Sym, presbyter Sanctiandree diocesis, sacra autoritate apostolica, notarius publicus, &c.

ANDREAS SYM Pbr.

PROCRATORY by Margaret Boquhanane, eldest daughter and one of the heirs of unquhile Patrik Boquhanane of Lany, with consent of her spouse, to obtain her served heir of her father, 27th October 1539.

151. BE it kend till all men be thir present letteris, Me Mergrat Boquhanane, eldest doichtare, and one of the aris of unquhile Patrik Boquhanane of Lany, with consent and assent of William Lok my spous, to have maid, constitute, and ordanit, and be thir presentis, makis, constitutis and ordanis honorable men and my weilbelouiris, Maisteris Abraham Creichtoun, Knave of Dungle, Thomas Marriotbankis, Burges of Edinbrucht, Schar James Blackwot, Vicare of Strouen, and Thomas B'schop, and ilkane of thame conueneit and sende me my kachtfull procuratouris, actouris, factoris, and speciale erand beraris, for me and in my name to requyre, ask and ressaue fra the prior subprior and convent of the foris-predicature besyde the burch of Strindling, and fra all vtheris persons, all letteris, evidencis and writtis being in their handis: togidder with areschip gudis quhilkis perteneit to my said unquhile father, and be ressaue forsaide now perteynyng or may pertene to me, and for recovering thair of, thame to call and compell befor quhatsumevir juze spiritual, or temporale, maidfull thareto: And als for me and in my name to compell befor the Schirif of Perth, or his deputis, at the Court hill of Skene, the last day of October nextcomyn, or at quhatsumevir vtheris dayis or places maidfull in the heid of curis, to the quhilk last day of Octobar, the beves of inquest of ourre soverain Laisshis chapoll hup that be me, as one of the aris of



my said amiable father, ar proclamit to be scrut and thair to persew my saidis breves in all poyntis, and desyre me to be writit as one of the aris of my said amiable father of all landis, annell rentis, possessionis and heretagis that he delt last testit and saisit of, efter the tenour of my clames to be gavin in thairupoun befor the said Schirif or his deputis, and happest to be chosin for scrving of my saidis breves, and the summe to desyre to be put to dew execution in all poyntis, and to persew and follow thame be all proces and ourdour of law that is requyrit, witnessestatioun to mak, the aicht of suthfastnes to swear, my absene to excusis, writis, witnessis, previs and documentis to produce and leid, and aganis me producit and led to except and disavow, actis, instrumentis, rectoris, letteris of actornais, and preceptis of saisng, and all vtheris documentis and letteris necessar thairupoun to lift, ask and rais, and be vertew thereof stair saisng and possession of all landis, annell rentis and heretagis that I be scrut of til ask and ressaue in my name. And generallie all and syndre vther thingis to do, exerce, hunt and use, that to the office of procuratory in sic caisis, of law or consuetude of this realm is knawin to pertene, and that I mycht do my self and I war personallie present. Ferme and stable haldand and for to hold all and quiddamman thingis my saidis procuratoris or any of thame connectit and generallie in the premissis lauchfullie ledis to be done, under the pain and obliisng of all my gulis movable and unmovable, present and to come: In witness of the quhilk thing, to thir my latoris of procuratory, subscrivit with my hand led on the pen of the Notar following, my proper Sele is affixit, togidder with the Sele and subscriptionis of my said spous in like maner, in takin of his consent and assent, at Glasgw, the xxvii day of October, the zeir of God 1<sup>re</sup> V: xxxix zeris, befor thir witnessis, Thomas Leinmoult, Thomas Brown, Andro Perth, Thomas Atzing, and Schir Alexander Valsone, chaplane, with vtheris diuers.

MARGARET BOOTHANNAN, wyth my hand on the pen.

WILLIAM LOK, with my hand on the pen.

*Ira est Johannes Bridlyne notarius publicus in premissis requisitus, de mandatis dictorum Margarete et Vilhelmi ipsi nescientibus scribere premissa appendantibus, teste manu propria.*

CHARTER by Alexander Master of Hume, with consent of George Lord Hume, his father, and of his curators, to John Hume, of the lands of Innerallbone, 24th August 1541.

152. OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris vel audientis, Alexander Magister de Hume ac dominus feodii eiusdem, et Georgius Dominus de Hume dominus illius feodii et eorundem aliorum



Salutem in Domino sempiternam: Quia alias omnes et singule terre domini de Hume et Innerallone, cum molendino earundem, cum tenentibus tenandriis et liberetenentium serviciis earundem et suis pertinentiis, jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Striudling, in manibus super mi domini nostri Regis dicerentur, ratione forisfacture quondam Alexandri Domini Hume Magni Camerarii Scotie, pro certis causis, prout in processu forisfacture de super dicta latius continetur: et post dictam forisfacturam prefatus supremus dominus noster Rex, post suam perfectam etatem viginti quinque annorum et generalem revocationem, me dictum Alexandrum Magistrum de Hume in feodo, et me dictum Georgium Dominum Hume in libero tenemento, in omnibus et singulis prenomminatis terris domini de Hume et Innerallone, cum molendino earundem, tenentibus tenandriis ac liberetenentium serviciis earundem et suis pertinentiis de novo infeodavit, cum potestate nostros liberetenentor in tenandriis suis dictarum terrarum similiter de novo infeodandi: Et quia dictus quondam Alexander Dominus Hume per suas cartam et sasnam, Johannem Hume suum filium naturalem in omnibus et singulis predictis terris de Innerallone, cum molendino earundem et suis pertinentiis, hereditarie infeodavit: Et pro sua nova infeodatione hereditaria in prenomminatis terris de Innerallone, cum molendino earundem et suis pertinentiis, fidei, ipse Johannes Hume me dictum Alexandrum Magistrum de Hume, meosque curatores subscriptos, et dictum meum patrem, coram dominis consilii prefati supremi domini nostri Regis vocavit qui per eorum decretum decreverunt nos ad infeodandum dictum Johannem Hume in prenomminatis terris de Innerallone, cum molendino earundem et suis pertinentiis, de me autedicto Alexandro Magistro de Hume et heredibus meis, similiter et adeo libere tenendis, sicuti easdem tenuit ante prefatam forisfacturam, ipso michi et dicto meo patri persolvente suam partem compositionis secundum ratam et quantitatem dictarum terrarum suarum et molendini, absque prejudicio cuiuscunque reversionis prius fidei pro redemptione prefatarum terrarum et molendini . . . prout in dicto decreto dominorum consilii de super lato plenius continetur: Et quia dictas Johannes Hume suam partem dicte compositionis michi et dicto meo patri grataiter persolvit: Nos igitur me, dictum Alexandrum Magistrum de Hume, cum consensu et assensu dicti Georgii Domini Hume patris mei, necnon Magistrorum Jacobi Foddis de Colintoun, clerici registri ac consilii supremi domini nostri Regis, et Albrake Crachtoun, prepositi de Dunglas, ac officialis Sanctiandree infra Archidiaconatum Laudonia, meorum curatorum, pro simplificatione dicti decreti, dedisse, concessisse, et hac presenti carta mea pro perpetuo confirmasse . . . prefato Johanni Hume et heredibus suis: quibus deficientibus, Andree Hume fratri meo germano, et heredibus suis quibuscunque, totas et integras prenomminatas terras de Innerallone, cum molendino earundem, et suis per-





tineutis, jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Strielling antedictum: Tenendas et habendas . . . de me et heredibus meis in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . unam denarium vsualis monete regni Scocie, in festo penthecostes, super solum dictarum terrarum, nomine abeferme, si petatur tantum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum hinc presenti carte mee, manu mea subscripte, est appensum, unctum sigillis et subscriptionibus manibus dictorum meorum patris et curatorum, in signum eorum consensus et assensus ad premissa, apud Edinburgh, vicesimo quarto die mensis Augusti, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo primo, coram hiis testibus, videlicet, Magistris Alexandro Creechton Vicario de Innerwik, Johanne Abirrummy, Johanne Hamaulton notario publico, Hugone Douglas burgense de Edinburgh, Willhelmo Foulis, Thoma Trotter, Patricio Thomsoun, Thoma Brounfeild, Antonio Trotter, Rudolpho Trotter, et Andrea Abirrummy, cum diuersis aliis.

DECLARATION by Jonet Strielling of Calder, in presence of the Lords of Council, that the Preceratory by her for resigning the lands of Lottin, Calder, &c., in favour of James Strielling of the Keir, her spouse, was her free act. 7th December 1541.

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153. In presens of the Lords of Counsaile, comperit Jonet Strielling of Calder, and produced this writing vnderwritten, of the quillik tenour followis. My lordis of Counsaile, Forsamekle as I Jonet Strielling of Calder haif maid constitut James Henderson



and vtheris my procuratouris, conjunctlie and severallie, to compeir in presens of the kingis grace, and my vther superioris, and their neik resignatioun of all and sindrie my landis heretage of Letter, Cadder, Vohiltreis, Kilmaychell, Blacarne, Breunzet, Bankere, and Cragbre, with the toweris, fortalices, maner places, myluis, woddis, partis, pendiklis, tenentis, tenendryis, and service of the tenentis, advocatioun and donatioun of kirkis, chaplenryis of the samin, and all the pertinentis, for heretable infeftment, charter and sesing to be maid and gevin be the saidis superioris thairof respectiue, ilkane for thair awin partis, to James Strindling of the Keir, my spous, and his airis quhatsumeur, of all and sindrie the saidis landis, as at mair lenth is contenit in my letteris of procuratorie vnder my proper sele and subscripcioun, maid and gevin to my said spous thairof, quhilk letteris of procuratorie I declair now in presens of your Lordships, be my grett aith, that the samin was maid be me of my awin fre will and certene science vncompellit, coerzit, dis-sauit, or circumuent be my said spouse or ony vtheris, bot onlie for the wele and profit of my said spous and his hous, and for augmentatioun of the leving yair of, becaus it is the principale and cheif hous of his and myne surnamis, and ane grett part of the auld heretage and leving of Keir annalyt and put away, swa that the samin was liklie to half dekeit, and als for the luf and favour I haif and bere to my said spous: And thairfor now instandlie in presens of your Lordships of my awin fre motiue will, vncompellit as said is, ratteis, approuis, and confirmis the saidis letteris of procuratorie in all poyntis, with all charteris, preceptis, instrumentis of sesingis, infeftmentis, evidendis maid and to be maid and sueris be my grett aith neuer to reuok and cum incontrar the samin in tyme cuming, and that the said procuratorie may tak full effect and be doeruit and kept in all poyntis, I desire it to be registrat in the bukis of consale wit this my declaratioun extendit in the maist sicker form that can be devisit for the wele and silueneis of the said James and his airis.

PROCURATORY by Jonet Strindling, Lady of Cadder, for resigning her lands of Cadder, &c., in favour of James Strindling of Keir, her spouse, 13th December 1541.

13 December 1541.

154. In presens of the Lords of Counsail, compeirit Jonet Strindling of Cadder, and gawe in this writting vnder writtin subscript with her hand, and desirit the samin to be registrat in the bukis of consale, and to haif the strength of their decreet, and the lordis to incorporate thair autoritie thairto, with executoriallis thairupone gawe maid be; and thairafter the lordis, beinge wisit with the said maist honourable, schewand aduertist the said Jonet that the said writter was richt grett and wychty to hir to gawe our lit



heretage without sum reasonable cause, and of the damage, displeour, and inconveniencis that mycht cum to hir thairthrow, throw resignatioun of all hir levying and heretage, and that she mycht never optine the same againe, nor revoke the procuratorie under writtin: and the said Jonet being avisit herewith, at tua sundrie termes, to the effect that she mycht haif bene consultit with frendis for endouring of the samin, and thair-effir sche in presens of the saidis lordis, all vthir personis being removit, swore, the haly evangelis taichit, that sche maid the said procuratorie liallie of hir awin fre motiue will and desire, efter the forme and tenour of this writting under writtin in all punctis, and sall never cum in the contrair thairof in iugement nor outwyth, and remouit all privilege, action, and rycht that sche has or may haif to the reduction of the samin, and ratitis and appreis the said procuratorie, with all that followit or may follow thairupon, for hir and hir successouris for ever: And thairfor the lordis being avisit with the said Jonetis writ, and plane declaratioun of hir mynd, ordanit and ordanis the said writting, togidder with the said procuratorie, to be insert in the saidis bukis of counsail, and to haif the strength of their decreet in tym to cum, and hes interponit their autoritie thairto, with onecorporalis and leturis thairupon, so gif neid be, off the quilk writting the tenour followis: My lordis of counsail Foesanekle as I Jonet Strindling of Cadder ypon the vij day of December instant come in presens of your Lordships purposit and of determinit mynd to haif recyvit and appreit the letter of procuratorie maid under my seil and subscription with consent and assent of James Strindling of the Keir, now my spouse, makand certane persons nouth thairintill my procuratoris conjunctlie and severallie, to haif resignit in the handis of our someyme lord, the Archebischope of Glasgou and vthiris superioris respectiue my landis and heretage of Cadder, Vchiltreis, Lettir, Bankoer, Branzet, Kirkaubell, Blanerne and Changlore wit the touris, fortalices, woldis, nemor places, mylnis, tenentis, tenondris, and service of fre tenentis, advocatioun, donatioun, and rychtis of patronage of kirkis and chepelenis of the samin, and all thair pertinentis, for heretablie infirmenis and sesingis and sesing to haif bene maid and gevin thairof be my saidis superioris to the said James and his airis quathsumever: Offrand me to swear that I was vncompellit or coactit to do the samin and efter that it was inquirit at me be your Lordships what profit I gat thairfor throw the troweris gevin to me in your presens, I tuk suspitioun that the sikernis maid to Thomas Bischope in my name and at my command and desire, of the landis of Vchiltreis, gevand now be your vij seoir of merkis and act maid anent the payment to him in my name of 17 merkis quilk I said haif for my landis forschalls was insufficient, and of nane avail. I thairfor revoke the saidis leturis of procuratorie wit all that followit thairupon, and revoke and schewin to your Lordships sum secrete



vourd anent myself: And now becaus I half wist and causit riple wits with my said sikernes and findis the samin sufficient and gude, and hes gotten the samin complent at my desire, and als be truing out of the veritie, porticlie knawis, the vther wourdli- quihilk I revelit to your Lordships, war this and vntrew lik as any wisman the diuers causis may consider and jure: I half thairfor of new, of my awin free will, and certane science vncompellit, coersit, circumventit, dissuait or defraudit in any way bot of gude consideration for the help and augmentatioun of the being of the hous of Keir, becaus it is the principall and cheif hous of my said sponsis and myne surnames, and that it was illike to dekye throw alienatioun of the maist part of the auld heretage: And als for diuers vtheris profitis gevin be my spons to me and vtheris of my command and desire, and for vtheris causis and consideratiounis moving me, efter I half poudit and halp the hauris of vnpouill Robert Scrimelung, quihilk is immediatlie so succed to me fulzeing the airts of my awin body, to saucle of my heretage as gevis now be the said writ of merkis, maid vytheris letteris of procuratorie quihilk plesit your Lordships to se and consider, makand James Hemmerston and vytheris, conjunctlie and separatlie, my procuratoris, to resigne all and sundrie my landis aboue writin, in the handis of the superioris thairof respectiue, ilkane of thame for thair awin partis for heretablie infirmatis and sesingis to be maid and gevin of the samin be the saidis superioris to the said James his airts and assignis quintsuemeir. Quihilk letteris of procuratorie I be ye tenour of thir presentis ratificis, appreis, and for me and my airts perpetuallie confirmes: And sueris and declaris to your Lordships, be my grite aith, that I am nocht coersit, compellit, defraudit, circumventit, or dissuait in making of the samin, bot maid the saidis letteris of procuratorie and now ratificis and appreis the samin of my awin free will and ardent desire for the causis aboue writin, and sail neuer reuok nor cum in the contrair thairof in jugement nor outit be any manner of way in tym coming, and that the saidis landis may be maid sicker to the said James and his airts, I desire the saidis letteris of procuratorie, with this my writing and declaration to be actit and registrat in the bookis of Counsale and that your Lordships wald geve actis, decretis and interpositioun your auctorite thairto, conform to your practive obscurit in sic causis: And mair attour becaus thair was ane resignatioun maid of the saidis landis of Vchiltreis be vertu of the saidis first letteris of procuratorie, in the handis of William Monteith of West Cairs superiour thairof, and infirmet gevin thairthrow to the said James of the samin, quha thairfor at my command and desire dispoit ye saidis landis of Vchiltreis be charter of alienatioun to the said Thomas Bischope to my behoit and the said Thomas obligatioun gevin to me that he sail resigne the samin in fauour of me and my airts howsone sentence of divorce beis hede and





gevin shaple betuix me and the said James: Therefor for my singular vele and vilitie, I revoik, renunce and dischargis ye pretendit renocation maid be me of the said first procuratorie in presens of your Lordships, and will, consentis, and ordanis that the said renocation acris and instrumentis geve any was maid thairvane, scli be deletit and put furth of the bukis of counsale and to helpe the strength nor memorie in tym cuning, and be thir presencis ratificis and appreis the said first procuratorie togidder wit the said resignatioun, charteris, indentis, and all that followis thairvane in maner forsaide: In witness of the quhilk thing I haif subscrift thir presencis wit my hand the xj day of December the year of Our Ld. Vt. xvj. zeis. Off the quhilk procuratorie the tenour followis: Undersis et singillis ad quorum notitias presentes littere pervenerint, Joneta Strineling, Domina de Cadher, Sabatem, Quia dum nuper recordarer quod quondam Johannes Strineling de Kere miles, pater Jacobi Strineling nunc de Keir mei sponsi, pro recuperatione wardie retenui et noninterdictis meorum terrarum et hereditatis, ac in protectione et defensione eorundem, non minus proprio suo hereditatis et prediorum partem ultra redemptionem alienavit, in dicti mei sponsi grane championum qui ad huiusmodi suas terras succedere debuerat, et quia idem meus sponsus et eius domus ceteris cognominis de Strineling ab antiquo prefuerat et principalis habebatur: Ne minoris gradus et preeminentie fiat ob sue hereditatis diminutionem qua predecessores sue extiterunt: sibi et sui domui auxiliari suamque hereditatem augere animo deliberato mecum decreui: Noveritis igitur me, non vi aut metu ductam, nec errore ipsam, compulsam nec coactam, sed ex mea acria pura libere et spontanea voluntate, pro inexcusabilibus amore et favore qui sibi debet, et pro egi dicum meum sponsu, cum ipsius consensu et assensu, fecisse constituisse et ordinasse . . . honorabiles viros Jacobum Henrisoun, Thomam Lornmuth, ac eorum quolibet conjunctim et divisim meos veros legitimos et inhibitos procuratores, actores, factores, et negotiorum meorum gestores . . . ad, pro me et nomine meo, in presentia dominorum meorum superiorum subscriptorum comparendum, et ibidem sursum reddendas et in eorum mandatis respectue per fustem et baculum pure et simpliciter resignandas extrahendas et libere deliberandas, a me et heredibus meis, omnes et singulas terras meas infrascriptas viz. . . . omnes et singulas terras meas de Lorryt cum tenentibus generalitj et libere tenentium servitij eorundem ac suis pertinentiis, jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Strineling, in manibus excellentissimi principis et domini nostri domini Jacobi quinti Dei gratia Scotorum Regis illustrissimi, aut in manibus Mathi Comitis de Lennox vel suorum commissariorum, seu cujusvisque aliorum iurisperiti superioris eorundem, omnes et singulas terras nunc de Cadher, cum turre, forditio, pondiculis et pertinentiis eorundem jacentes infra regalicatem Glasguensem et vicecomitatum de



Lanark, in manibus reuerendissimi in Christo patris et domini Gavini Glasguensis Archiepiscopi, tanquam in manibus domini mei superioris dictarum terrarum de Cadder; omnes et singulas terras meas de Vahlire, cum molendino earundem et suis pertinentiis, jacentes in baronia de West Kerss, infra vicecomitatum de Strindling, in manibus Willelmi Menteth de West Kerss, tanquam in manibus domini mei superioris earundem; omnes et singulas terras meas de Blazer et Banker, jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Strindling, terras de Kirkmychael et Blazaru, cum tenentibus, tenendriis, libere tenentium seruitiis, albocatione, donatione, et jure patronatus capellaniarum earundem et suis pertinentiis, jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Dunbartane, in manibus Willelmi Levingstoun de Kilsyth aut in manibus Campbell, nepotis heredis et successoris quondam Colini Campdell de Auchynhowy, vel cuiusquam alterius legitimi superiorum seu superioris earundem; et terras de Craighore, cum tenentibus, tenendriis, et libere tenentium seruitiis earundem jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Lynlithgaw, in manibus Roberti Mowbray de Bernbowgall, tanquam in manibus domini mei superioris earundem . . . pro cartis, sasinis, et infeodationibus . . . memorato Jacobo Strindling de Keir meo sponso suis hereditibus et assignatis quibuscunque dandis et conficiendis . . . In cuius rei testimonium presentibus procuratorum literis mea manu subscriptis sigillum meum, una cum sigillo et subscriptione dicti mei sponsi, in signum sui consensus et assensus, ad premissa sunt appensa, apud Edinburgam, decimo die mensis Decembris, anno 1<sup>re</sup> V<sup>re</sup> xli<sup>je</sup>, coram his testibus, Magistro Arturo Talzefer, Rectore de Creechmont, Thoma Davidson burgense de Edinburt, Willelmo Strindling, Johanne Pastoun, Willielmo Peirson, Jacobo Henryson, Thoma Biscop, Jacobo Bannatyne, et Nigello Laying notariis publicis, cum diuersis alijs.

JONET STRUELING

JAMES STRUELING

lady of cadder

of ye keir

RATIFICATION by Jonet Strueling, Lady Cawder, 13th December 1541.

13th December 1541.

155. In presens of the lordis of consale comperit Jonet Strueling Lady Cawder, spous to James Strueling of the Keir, and thair in absenge of hir said spons, swor the lady evangelis tuchit that she vncouppellit or comitir be him, or be any yther personn, with consent of hir said spons, and als wlt consent and assent of Mr Abraham Creechmont, Person of Crauford Mon, and Alexander Creechmont, Vicar of Dunryk, curators to the said James, for thair interes, schill and undelt hereditie be charter and sesing to James Bannatyn burgis of Edinburch and Katerin Talzefer his spons, the largest leyand



of thame in conjunctement, and to the airis lauchtrellie gottin or to be gottin betuix thame, quhilks faizeing to the said James and his airis quhatsumevir or assignais, all and sindrie the tenpillandis of Oxirechewry . . . land in the barony of Listoun, within the Shirefdom of Lithgow, to be holdin of my lord of Sanct Jhony, Preceptour of Torphichin, and his successours, with claus of warandice, as in the charter of alienatioun, precept of seising and obligatioun of spechle warandice maid be the said Jonet, with consent of hir said spous and his curators forsaidis, to the said James and his spous at mair lenth is contenit, quhilk charter is of the date at Edinburgh, the last day of November, ye zeir of God J<sup>r</sup> V<sup>e</sup> xi<sup>e</sup> zeris, and the date of the obligatioun of the saidis landis is at Edinburgh, the xj day of December, in the zeir of God forsaid. And that for certane sovmes of money deboursit be the said James Bannatyn and his spous, and resaut be the said Jonet and hir spous to thair particular vtilite and profit: therfor the said Jonet ratifeis, appreis, and confermes the said instrument, charter, precept, seising and obligatioun of warandice maid thairupon in all poveris, and sal nevir cum in the contrair thairof, nocht be herself nor none vtheris in her name, for now and evir.

CHARTER by Gavin [Dunbar] Archbishop of Glasgow, to James Striueling of Kere, of the lands of Cadder, 10th January 1541.

150. OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris vel audituris, Gavinus miseratione divina Glasguensis Archiepiscopus, Regni Scotie Cancellarius, ac superior terrarum subscriptarum, Salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis nos dedisse, concessisse, et hoc presentis carta nostra confirmasse . . . dilecto nostro Jacobo Striueling de Kere, suis heredibus et assignatis quibuscunque, omnes et singulas terras de Cadder, cum turre, fortalicio, molendinis, terris, molendinariis, silvis, partibus, pascuiculis, cotagiis et lie outsettis earundem, cum suis pertinentiis, jacentes in baronia nostra de Glasgow, intra regalitatem eiusdem, et vicecomitatum de Lanark. Quicquidem terre . . . fuerunt Jonete Striueling de Cadder, sponse dicti Jacobi, propriis hereditarie; et quas ipsa, cum consensu et assensu dicti sui sponsi, pro suo interesse, per fustem et lauchum ac procuratores suos . . . in manibus nostris . . . apud Edinburgh . . . resignavit . . . Tenendas et habendas . . . prefato Jacobo Striueling de Keir suis heredibus et assignatis quibuscunque, de nobis et successoribus nostris, Glasguensibus Archiepiscopis, in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . servitium ward et releuf, necnon annuatim summam quattuor librarum usualis monete regni Scotie, ad duas anni terminus computas, scilicet Penthecostas et Sancti Martini in hieme, per equales portiones; vnctum tribus sectis annuatim in





nostris curijs capitalibus baronie nostre Glasguensis. Promiso tamen quod si contingat maritadium heredum dicti Jacobi, qui in prefatis terris succedere debent, in manibus supremi domini nostri Regis, seu Principis Scotie, aut alterius superioris, qui nobis quancumque dispositionem dicti maritaggi de jure poterit potest, de cedere, unde ab huiusmodi maritaggio nos aut successores nostri seculi fuerimus; in hoc causa tenebuntur dicti heredes et eorum quilibet, pro suis maritaggiis, quoties emanarint, summam tricentarum mercurarum nobis persolvere, tantum . . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre manu nostre subscripte, sigillum nostrum reale hunc est appensum apud Edinburgiam, decimo die mensis Januarii, anno domini millesimo, quingentesimo quadragesimo primo, et consecrationis nostre anno decimo septimo.

GATINUS Archiepi Glasg.

SENTENCE of DIVORCE by the official of Lothian of James Striveling of Keir and Janet Striveling of Cadder. 31st January 1541.

Ultimo Januarii anno 1<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> xli.

157. CHRISTI Nomine Innocento: Nos Andreas Myll, procuratorius ecclesie collegiate nostre Domine de campis infra oppidum de Edinburgh, et Robertus Synsoun, capellanus, commissarii in hac parte venerabiles et egregii viri, magistri Abrake Creichtoun, Prepositi de Daunglas, ac Officialis Sanctiandree infra Archidiaconatum Laudoniense cause et partibus infrascriptis, unacum nonnullis aliis nostris in hac parte collegis sub ille clausula, vobis aut duobus vestrum condunetis et duisim, specialiter deputari: iudices pro tribunali sedentes in qua langmisi matrimoniali, tendente ad divorcium, duplitem, coram nobis mota, et adhuc pendente indecisa, inter honorabilem virum Jacobum Striveling de Keir, filium et heredem Joannis Striveling de Keir militis, actorem ab una, et providam domicellam Jonetam Striveling, filiam et necelem quandam Andree Striveling de Cadder, eius pretensam et putativam sponsam, ream partibus ab altera, cognoscentes juxta ea que vidimus, audivimus et cognovimus, jurisperitorum communicato consilio et secuto, quibus fidelem fieri facimus relationem in eadem, solum Deum pro oculis habentes, eiusque nomine sanctissimo premittis innocento, per hanc nostram sententiam definitivam quam ferimus in hiis scriptis, pronunciamus, decernimus et declaramus, ex deductis coram nobis in causa huiusmodi auditis hinc inde partium petitionibus, responsionibus et allegationibus, pretensum matrimonium et sponsalia per verba de futuro carnali copula subsequuta, inter prefatos Jacobum et Jonetam contractum et solemnizatum in facie ecclesie, a principio non tenuisse, nec viribus subsistere posse de jure, eo quia tempore eiusdem contractus et solemnizationis, de facto licet non de jure, sibi invicem prefati Jacobus et Joneta antegressant, prout etiam de presenti attingunt, in quarto et quarto



gradibus consanguinitatis ignote sibi Jacobo tempore contractus et solemnizationis prefati matrimonii et sponsaliorum: Et propterea idem pretensum matrimonium et sponsalia annullanda, cassanda, et dirimenda fore, ac ipsos libellantem et libellatam ab invicem divorciandos et separandos, et quicquid alter alteri dotis causa aut donationis propter nuptias dederit, idem alteri restituendum fore, licet utriusque prefato Jacobo alibi in Domino contrahendi et ducendi concedendum fore, proeur annullamus, cassamus, dirimus divorcimus ac concedimus respectat, quod omnibus quorum interest notum facimus per presentes.

CONTRACT between James Stirueling of the Keir, and William Balfour, 18th March 1541.

158. At Dumblane, the aughtene day of Marche, the zeir of God ane thousand five hundreth fourty ane zeris. It is appoyntit agreit and finalie concordit betuix one honorable man, James Stirueling of the Keir, on that one part, and William Balfour on that wther part, in maner forme and effect as eftir followis, that is to say: after all counyt and rekkyngnyng maid of all thingis afoir the dait heirof, betuix the saidis parteis, the said William Balfour grantis hyme awing to the said James Stirueling the sowme of thre hundreth twenty merkis, quhilk sowme of iii. xx merkis the said William bindis and oblis his airis executouris and assignais, to thankfullie content and pay to the said James his airis, executouris, and assignais, at thir termis efter following, that is to say, aucht seoir of merkis at Wircnday nyxt efter the dait heirof, and aucht seoir of merkis at sanct Martinis day nyxt thairefter, in full payment of the said iii. xxvii merkis: And howsone the said William hapois to content and pay to the said James Stirueling, his airis, executouris, and assignais, the fyist said sowme of aucht seoir merkis, within forty dais nyxt efter the resait thairof, the said James Stirueling bindis and oblis hyme his airis and assignais, to heretablie infet the said William his airis and assignais in all the helf of the tytty shilling land of the Bra of Balphopill, occupyit the day heirof be Dunsane and Meriory Campbellis; and within wther forty dayis nyxt efter the paying of the last aucht seoir merkis, the said James sall sirlík infet the said William in the wther half of the forsaidis landis of Bra of Balphopill, lyand within the stewartry of Mentheth and shirethome of Perth, ether be his awin charter or resignatioun, or wther wis as the said William sall think moit expedient: The said William bindis and oblis hyme in maner foresaid that he sall nocht inquyre the said James for anntment of the forsaidis landis vnto the payment of the sowmes at the termis foresaidis: And for observing and keeping heirof baid the saidis parteis ar



content this present contract be registrat in the Commissariis bwkis of Dumblane, and thai monest to observe the samyn order painis of cursing: and hes subscriwit this present writ with their handis, day, zeir, and place forsauid, before thir witnes, Masteris James Kennedy Chaucoure of Dumblane, William Mawly, Patrik Wrycht notaris, Jacob Drumond and Thomas Lairmentlie, with wtheris diners.

JAMES STIRVELING of the Keir.

WILLIAM BALLOCH.

Die xviii<sup>me</sup> mensis Martii, Anno Domini 1<sup>re</sup> V<sup>re</sup> quadragesimo primo. Quo die, nequiti sunt hinc inde retrospecti Jacobus et Wilhelmus, ex eorum propriis confessionibus, ad observandum retrospectam contractum, in omnibus suis punctis ipsos respective concernentibus, secundum tenorem eiusdem, sub pena excommunicationis.

Hec est vera copia principalis contractus registrati in libris registri curie consistorialis Dunblanensis, manu aliena extracta, et collationata per nos notarium publicum subscriptum, cum principali in omnibus concordans, nil addito vel mutato quod fieri substantiam variaret.

Ita est Wilhelmus Blackwod notarius publicus manu sua.

CONTRACT between James Styrling of Keir and Calder, and Lucas Stirviling, son to unquhile Walter Stirveling of Ballagane, 1<sup>st</sup>h January 1542.

159. At Calder, the xviii day of Januar, the zeir of God 1<sup>re</sup> V<sup>re</sup> xlii zeiris: It is appoyntit aggreit betuix twa nobill men, James Styrling of Keir and Calder, superiour to the landis of Ballindrecht, with general, transdrie, the service of the samyn, on the ia part, and Lucas Stirviling, son to unquhill Walter Stirveling of Ballagane, and takand for him the burding for James Waur on the iudir part, in maner as followis, viz., the said James Stirveling of Keir sall content and pay to the said Lucas, for him self and for James Waur, the sowme of thrie hundreth merkis vsuale money of Scotland, betuix the dait heirof and Paice nixtcomyng; and for the payment of the said sowme of thrie hundreth merkis to be payit as saddis is, the said Lucas sall resing the annuell rent of aue chaildir air meill quhilk he hes annellit heritablie of the heill fyve pund land of Ballindrecht, be charter and seaising, and sall caus Effiane Birsbane his modir, relict to the said unquhill Walter, renunce hir lifrent [of] the samyn, gif sho hes ony; and sall resing siclyk aue vder annuell rent quhilk he hes be assignatioun renuncatioun or tyvill of James Waur, of the saidis landis of Ballindrecht, and sall caus the said James Waur, or his airis, renunce resing and ouirgif the samyn annuellrent of the said chailder of meill, with all pertinentis and profitis and commotiounis bygane and to cum, and that all in favour of the said James Stirveling of Keir, or his airis, in the superiouris landis





thair of qvhatsumener, for heritabillie infeftment to be maid to the said James or his airis : And alsua the said Lucas, the haill sorne of thre hundreth merkis being payit to him as said is, sall transfer all richt of the saidis annuellrentis of twa chabllir off ait meill, and sall caus James Waur transfer all his richt thair of, to the said James Stirveling, baith of heritage thair of, and all bygane proffittis, and sall mak, and caus the said James Waur mak, procuratoris ane or ma to persew the air or airis of vmpquhill Andro Stirveling of Ballindrocht for bygane proffittis of the saidis twa chaldre of ait meill : And for obteynyng heirof sall delyver the instrumentis of saisng of the said annuell rentis, with obligatiounis and all charteris maid thair of, to the said James Waur, and vmpquhill Waltir Stiruiling of Ballagane, and sall compeir thair selfis or procuratoris, as the said James Stiruiling thinkis best, and als oft as he pleisis, on the said James expensis, befor ony jugis competent, for persute of the saidis annuell rentis of twa chaldre of meill and bygane proffittis thair of : And the parteis ar content this present writ be extendit in the maist lairge forme as ony of thame will dewis to the effect foirsaid, and sall byde heirat. And for the observing heirof the parteis is content the samyn contract be insert in the Officialis buikis of Glasgow, and they monest to fulfill the samyn, and hes subscriuit the samyn, day, zeir and place foirsaid, befor thir witnes, Johne Colquhoun of Kilmordoun, and Maister James Blair, with wtheris diuers. And for the payment of the said thrie hundreth merkis the said James Stiruiling of Keir obblissis him, his airis and assignais, to infeft the said Lucas his airis [or] assignais in xl schilling land of Kirktoon, lyand within the erldome of Lennox and shireffdome of Stiruiling, perteynyng to the said James be comprysing of the airis of vmpquhill Andro Stiruiling of Ballindrocht, vnder forme of reuersioun of ane hundreth pundis money, and sielyk sall infeft the said Lucas his airis or assignais in the chaldre of meill reservit to the said James in the saisng and infeftment maid to vmpquhill Waltir Stiruiling of Ballagane, fadir to the said Lucas, and Effiane Birsbare spous to the said vmpquhill Waltir, of the landis of Branzeit, and sall mak the said Lucas his airis and assignais sicker of the saidis landis of Kirktoon, and ane chaldre of meill of Branzeit heritabillie, be chaiftir and saisng, with obligatioun of speciall warrantyce, as the said Lucas will dewis, betuix and Mertimes nixtooun efter the dait heirof : And the said James Stiruiling sall delyver and gif the said Lucas ane tak of the saidis landis of Kirktoon, for the space of ane zeir efter the redemption of the saidis landis of Kirktoon, for the ssume of ane hundreth pund, and that for the payment of ten merkis be zeir in maill adamirly, for the tak of the saidis landis of Kirktoon : And the parteis is content this claus sielyk be insert in the Officialis buikis of Glasgow, and they monest to fulfill the samyn sielyk, and hes subscriuit the samyn.





Die predicta dictus Jacobus Striding de Keir renuncians privilegio equitatis a annis interruptionis, etc.: Extract furth of the said Official consistorial Buikis of Glasgw. be me Robert Herbatsone notar, haveer and keipear of the saidis buikis, witnessing my sign and subscriptione manuall.

ROBERTUS HARRATSONE notarius manu sua.

CONTRACT of MARRIAGE between James Striding of the Keir and Jane Cheisholme  
"consigness" of William Cheisholme Bishop of Dunblane, 5th March 1542.

160. AT Dunblane the fyft day of Merche, the zeir of God ane thowsand fyf hundreth fourti twa zeris. It is appoynted and fully agreit betuex honorable personis James Striding of the Keir one that tane part, James Cheisholme of Chasingall, and Jayn Cheisholme, consigness to our reverend fader in God, William Bischof of Dunblane, one the vther part, in maner and forme as efter followis, that is to say, the said James Cheisholme, one his expensis sall caus immortate and bring haym one sufficient dispensatione for thrid degrees of consanguinite and fird of affinity consistand betuex the saidis James Striding and Jayn; and incontinent thairafter the saidis James Striding and Jayn sall vise the samin, and be dispensit thairwith: And the said James sall infet and caus infet the said Jayn, in hir virginite, la and to all and hail his richt punis landis of said erent of Chasingall within the shirethome of Chiddistall and barony of Glasgw, for hir lyfytim, and the aieris to be gottin betuex thaim, following of the aieris betuex thaim, to the aieris of the said James; to be haldin of the Archbischof of Glasgw and his successoris, or of the said James and his aieris, as the said James Cheisholme thinkis expedient: And in all truly laise hairafter the said James Striding, God willing, sall contract marriage and solemnizat the samin in face of holy kirk with the said Jayn. For the quhillis the said James Cheisholme sall consent and pay to the said James Striding, his aieris or assignais, the summe of one thousand pundis vsuale money of Scotland at the concluding of the said marriage: And sall caus the said reverend fader, with consent of his cheptour, to mak one sufficient assolatione to the said James Striding and Jayn, and to the langer lyfthand of thaim twa, and the aieris to be gottin betuex thaim, and following of the aieris betuex thaim, to the aieris of the said James, and thair assignais, of all and hail the teryd scharis of the Keiris Vuer and Nether, Clunecbank, Auld Byris, Chitcheadlis, Pockland, Mjln landis, Buchably and Ratternis, quhillis the said James beukit afor; the saidis James and Jayn and thair aieris thairsoills intrueth to the said teryd scharis or Lammies in the zeir of that 19<sup>th</sup> V<sup>l</sup> fourtyfour zeris, for all the dais and termes of nyxtene zeir thairafter following: Paying zeirly to the said reverend fader and his successoris, thre chaldris



here and one chadder mule sufficient staff: And siclyke the said James Cheisholme sall cause the said reuerend fader sustene the saidis James Striueling and Jagn in all ordinar expensis, for the space of fyf zeris: And the said James Striueling is content and consentis that the said thousand pundis be writ in redempcion of his landis: And gif it sall happin that any vther impediment of consanguinitie or affinite or vther wais to be betwix the said James Striueling and Jagn, quithrough scho may need be lauchfull wyf to him, in that cas, and als on as sic impedimentis beis fundin, the said James Striueling sall rais one sufficient dispensatioun or dispensationis, and sall cause the samin to be writ, swa that the said Jagn alwaís be his lauchfull wif: And the said James Striueling sall nocht sall nor yalset any part of his landis, nor zit mak tokkis of asselatiouns, lang tyn or schort thairof, nor sall vittallis or vtheris thingis, to any persone or personis, without consale of the said reuerend fader: and sall ay vise his consale in all and quiketsumewer thingis be happinnis to haue ado, boith aueit his avin persone, landis, geir, and seruandis, balding in all tymis to cum: And this contract to be extendit and maid large in best forme with clausis necessar: And for obseruing and keping of this premissis, and every pauer thairof, arlik of the pautis and personis foirsaidis, and everilk one of thaim, ar bandin and oblist, the said ewangellis maadit, and consentis that this present contract be registrat in the Officillis and Commissariis iudicis et Sanctandreis principalis, Lowdoun, Glasgw, and Dunblane, and to be monist to fulfill the samin of their propir confessiounis, submitand thaim to their iurisdictionis, and renunciant all exceptionis and privilegis that may be proposid in the contrar, vnder the painis of cursing: In witness hereof the saidis parties has subscrut this contract with their handis, the day foirsaid, befor this wirnes, venerable men, Sclir George Wawane chaunone of Dunblane, Maister David Gorlay, Maister William Muir, Sclir James Blakwod, and William Blakwod, with vtheris diuers.

JAMES CHEISHOLME wyf say lauchd.

JAMES STRIUCELING of ye Keir.

JANE CHEISHOLME of my hand

Quarto Martii Anno Domini m. cccc. xlvii

Quo die, retrospectus Jacobus Striueling de Keir confessus est se pccatum et integre persolutum, in pecunia numerata, de retrospectis summa nullo librarum: Necnon satisfactum, compensationem et contentum de omnibus et singulis pccatis in retrospecto contractu, concernentibus retrospectum quondam Jacobum Cheisholme, propterea quibuscumque et exonerant heredes eius, tam et assensu, retrospecti quondam Jacobi de premissis: et contentis tunc in consensu quod ipse contractus et acta desuper, si que sint, confecta in libris dominerum officialium et commissariorum Sancti-



andree principalis. Laudonie. Glasguensis. et Dunblanensis, simpliciter deleantur et in posterum effectum non sortiantur.

Ita est Will-huus Blakwood notarius et scriba in premissis. manu sua.

OBLIGATION by William Leringstoun of Kyl-syth, to James Striueling of the Keir.  
21st March 1542.

161. BE it kend till all men be thir present letteris, me William Leringstoun of Kyl-syth. That forsamekill as I grant me to haif resauit fra ane honorable man, James Striueling of the Keir, ane charter and precept for saissing, maid be vniuersall Johne Erll of Levenax to vniuersall Johne Campbelle of Auchinhowe, of the landis of Auchinhowe, Downe, Blarskeyth, Bronzet and Bankeir, and of the landis of Kirkmorchill and Blernarn, togidder with ane instrument of saissing thairupon: Heirfore I bynd and oblis me, my airis and executoris, to the said James his airis and executoris, to redeue werrand and keip the said James skavthles of the saidis charter, precept, and instrument of saissing, fra the handis of the airis of vniuersall Adam Hamilton, and of all vtheris quham it efferis; and in cais the said James beis persewit for the saidis evidentis, and incurris ony skayth thairthrow, in that cais I bynd and oblis me and my airis to refoand to hym the skayth that he happis to sustene thairtarow. In wimes of the quhilkis I haf subscriuit this my obligatioun with my hand, at Lynlythgow, the xxj day of Marche, the zere of God J<sup>e</sup> V: xij zeris, befoir thir wimes, Robert Leringstoun, Thomas Leirmentit, and William Howat, with vtheris illers.

WELZAM LERINGSTOUN of Kyl-syth.

BOND by Margaret Buchquhennane, with consent of her spouse, to James Striueling of the Keir. 14th April 1542.

162. BE it kend till all men be thir present letteris, Me Margarete Buchquhennane, eldest and ane of the tua dochteris, and air of vniuersall Patrik Buchquhennane of Lany, with consent and assent of William Lok my spous: That forsamekle as I, with consent of my said spous, haue sold and anallit heretabill, be charter and sesing, to ane honorable man James Striueling of the Keir, some and air of vniuersall Johne Striueling of Keir knycht, all and hali that ane half of the landis of Lany, and the half landis of Perquhennertie, with the tenentis, tenendhis, and seruise of freemenis of the samis, and thair pertinentis, hand within the shireffdom of Perth, like as my infetment maid to him thairupon propertis: quhilkis I presentit said be all properte, and that the





pretendit tenendriis of the samin war null, of nein avail, and redueible of the law,  
and thairfor hes ressaunt certane sarmeis of money and vther gude dedis fra the said  
James: Heirfor I, with consent foirsaid, bindis and obliis me my airis and assignais,  
to warand acquiet and defend the saidis half landis with the pertinentis, to be fre  
proprete to the said James his airis and assignais, and that the pretendit tenendriis of  
the samin are retretable of the law, notwithstanding any pretendit alienationis al-  
legit maid to Johne Buchpuhennane of any part thairof, and thairfor to persew for  
reduccion of any pretendit informantis that he or any vtheris hes in fe or lifrent  
of the saidis half landis: In witnes of the quhilk to thir present letteris of obligatioun  
subscriuit with the handis of me and my said spous, in token of his consent and assent  
to the premissis, I led be the noter vnder writting our seijs ar affixit, at Glasgow, the  
xiiiij day of Apryle, the zeir of God 1579 and fourty and twa zeris, befor thir witnes,  
Williamme Strueling, Johne Strueling, Williamme Pairsoun and Johne Morisonne, noter  
publik, and vderis diuers.

MARGARET BUCHQUHANNAN with my hand at the pen.

WILLIAM Look with my hand at the pen.

Ita est JOHANNES MORISOTUS Notarius ad premissa.

PROCURATORY by John Earl of Menteith, for procuring himself succeed heir of  
unquihile William Earl of Menteith, his father. 7th April 1544.

163. Be it kend till all men be thir present letteris, me James Erll of Menroith, sone and air of vnaquhile William Erll of Menroith: for the fiddilling and complement [of ane certane contract and] apoyntment maid betuix the said vnaquhile William Erll on the tane part, and James Strimeling [of the Keir] on the uther part, about the half landis of Lany and Petquhonderty, with the millin and thair pertinentis, and indifferent betuix thame for the to haue maid constitut and ordnit, and be the tennour heirof makis constitutis and ordinis honorable men, Thomas Marioribankis, Maister James McGill, Thomas McKelzane, Master Jhon Mencref, and ilk ane of thame, coniuertly and seneralie, my verray lauchfull and vnbaitit procuratouris, factouris, specialie and generallie messengeris: givand geand and committand to my saidis procuratouris, and ilkane of thame, coniuertlie and senerallie, my verray lauchfull and vnbaitit power, expres mandement, bidding and charge, for me and in my name, breuis of inquest of our Soverain Lais shippit, at my instauce, in the commonne forme, as air to my said vnaquhile Erll, to rais and ens to be preache, and to persew be the samyn, me as air touny said fider, to be sump of all and hail the said



half landis of Lany and Perquhenderty, with the millin and thair pertinentis, lyand within the shirefdome of Perth, at my said vnguldile fader deit last vest and sesit in, as of fee, conform to his infeftment and instrument of sesing, and are retour apone the deliuerance of the assise to rais, and put agane to the said chapel, and are precept of sesing vpon the samyn to rais in dew forme, and the samyn to put to the shiref of Perth to ask and obtene sesing of the saidis landis with the pertinentis: and I being lauchfully saisit thairin, the samyn half landis of Lany and Perquhenderty, with millyns and pertinentis of the samyn, in the handis of my lord gouernour of Scotland, tutor to our souerane Lady, be staf and bastoun as vse is, in fauouris of Janet Balquhannane, one of the airis of vnguldile Patrik Balquhannane of Lany and hir airis and assignais, purlie and symple to resigne renunce and ouergiff instrumentis and documentis thairapone to ask, and to the effect hereof, and specialie for seruing of the breif of inquest, to compeir afor the said Shiref of Perth, his deputis one or ma, or vtheris shireffis in that part, or their deputis, quhatsumeuir day and place, and then the said breif to produce, and ask the samyn, conforme to the claime and petitionis of the saidis landis, millin and thair pertinentis, to be put to ane inquest, to follow and defend, his contestatione to mak, the aith of calumnia in my soule to suere, exceptionis delatouris declinatouris and peremptouris to propone, and aganis the iugis or me to be propenit to ansuer, replic: writtis, clartouris, documentis instrumentis of sesing to produce, and aganis me producit to except and impugne, sentences interloquutoris and diffinituis to ask be gifin and optein, and generalie all and syndry vther thingis to haue vse and exerce that to the office of procuratorie pertenis and in sik casis may pertaine, be the law or consuetude of the realme: Haldand and for to hald ferme and stabill all and quhatsumeuir thingis my saidis procuratores, or any one of theme, ledis in the premissis to be doin, onder the paine of all my gatis, moveable and immovable, present and to cum: In witness of the quhilk to this my letteris of procuratorie subscribed with my hand my propir seik is affixit, at Glasgou, the vii day of Aprile, the zere of God 1<sup>st</sup> V<sup>o</sup> and xliiii zenis, befor thir witness, Robert Bischop of Orkney, William Bischop of Dunblane, and Master James Kennyle, Canon of Dunblane, with otheris diuers.

*James Kennyle*  
*of Dunblane*



GRANT by Robert Stewart, Elect Bishop of Caithness, and Provost of the Lady College of Dumbarton, to George Strickling of Glorat, of the annual duties of the lands of Strablane, 19th April 1544.

164. Be it kend till all men be this present letteris, ws Robert, be the mercie of God, Elect Bischop of Kaithness, and Provest of our Lole Colleg of Dumbarton, with consent and awys of our nobill and mychte lord, Mathew Erll of Lennox Lord Dornie, patronne of the said Colleg: That forsauchill vs our honorable man, George Strickling of Glorat, hes in few and heretofore to hym and his aris, all and haill the ten pound land of Strablane, wyth the myll of the samin: payand to ws and our said Colleg certain annuell zerie for the saidis landis and myll of the samin, as at naier hant is specifyit and contentit in the said Georgis chartur and evidentis said thairupon: Herefor we, for certain awysis moving us, and for the gud seruyce to vs done and to be done by the said Georg, with consent and awys of our said patronne, frelie gevis and grants the said zerie annuell to the said Georg in full, for all the dayis of the saidis Georgs lyfytme; and be the tenor hereof, acowris, quitelmes, and dischargis the said zirie annuell of the said ten pound of Strablane, wyth the profitt of the said myll, frelie to the said Georg, to be occupyit wsit and manerit be the said Georg or his awin disposicione, but any reuocacione or agane calling quaitsumone, and collisys we wryit to cum in the contrar of this present donatioun: In witness of the quhilk thing is this present donatioun, subseriuit wyth our hand, our proper seill is to burgin, togidder wyth the seill and subscripcioun of our said patronne, in taking of his consent, at Dunbertene, the nyntene day of Apprill, the yer of God, one thousand five hundredyth and fourte four zenis, befor this witness, William Erll of Gloukarnoe, David Murray, Andro Murray, Andrew Cwnighame, and James Lyndissary, wyth ytheris diners

MATHOW ERLL OF LENEX

*Robert Byschop of Caithness*

OBLIGATION by William Earl of Montross to James Strickling of Kair, 29th July 1545.

165. I WILLIAM Erll of Montross bindes and charges me, by the feidit and woundir of my body, to cause Robert Graham my sone and aprentil air, to receyve and occupyt all and



haill the landis of Rathern with the pertinentis, lyand within the Strouertie of Strath-earn and Sheriffdom of Partht. in our soverain ladyis handis, in favouris of James Striueling of Keir and his airis: promedeing alwayes the said James delyuer and gei to me befor the said resyggiatioun, his band of manrent for all the dayis of my lyif, and thre hundred merkis of silver gud usuall money of Scotland. In witness hereof I have subscriuet this presentis with my hand, at Kenkardin, the xxix day of Julii, the zeir of God 1<sup>st</sup> V<sup>th</sup> forty fywe zeris, befor this wetnes.

I grant the subscriuing of this my sone beand content wderwayis to be of nne avail.

WELLA HELL OF MONTROSS.

ROBERT MAIST. OF MONTROSS.

RETOUR of James Striueling of Keir, as heir of John Striueling of Keir, Knight, his father, in the lands of Lanark and Achinbre, 6th October 1545.

166. Hec Inquisitio capta fuit apud burgum de Perth, et in pretorio eiusdem, sexto die mensis Octobris, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo quinto, coram nobili et potenti domino, Willelmo Domino Ruthen, vicecomite eiusdem, et honorabili viro, Vnfrido Rollok in Finbun, eius deputato: per hos subscriptos, videlicet, Joannem Murray de Abircardny, David Vschersch de Monyvard, Henricum Sindlar de Ardoch, Alexandrum Murray de Strowane, Thomam Merschell de Rossy, Alexandrum Chayn de Edindonyng, Laurentium Lam in Ganneochy Pettulane, Thomam Lam in Perth, Magistrum Joannem Monersell de Ryrd, Andream Blair in Bellinkane, Alexandrum Murray in Abircardny, David Murray de Arberg, et Eduardum Graham in Abircardny: Qui iurati dicunt, quod quondam Joannes Striueling de Keir, miles, pater Jacobi Striueling de Keir latoris presentium, obiit viduo relictus et satus, vt de feodo, ad pacem et fidem quondam supremi domini nostri Regis vitimi defuncti, cuius anime propitiatur Deus, de totis et integris terris de Lanark et Achinbie cum pertinentiis, jacentibus in Senescallatu de Sinderne et infra vicecomitatum de Perth: Et quod dictus Jacobus est legitimus et propinquior heres eiusdem quondam Joannis militis, patris sui, de totis et integris dictis terris de Lanark et Achinbie cum pertinentiis: Et quod est legitime etatis: Et quod valent nunc per annum quadraginta marceas, et tempore pacis decem marceas: Et quod tenentur in capite de supremo domina nostra Regina per spatium vnde et reledi: Et quod existebant in manibus dicti domini nostri Regis per spatium duorum annorum et sex mensium ratione warde: Et quod existunt in manibus dicte domine nostre Regine per spatium duorum annorum et vnus termini ratione nonintroitus aut eo circiter legitime per se ipsos, et obcursum





mortis dicti quondam Johannis. in defectu veri heredis jus suum lucusque minime prosequentis: In cuius rei testimonium sigilla quorundam eorum qui dicte Inquisitioni intererant presentibus apponuntur. clausis sub sigillo officii dicti vicecomitis, et hoc breue incluso, loco, die, mense, et anno superscriptis.

Hec est vera copia principalis retornatus super premissis in Cancellaria supremi domini nostri Regis remanentis. copiatā et collationatā per me Magistrum Willelmum Scott, scribam, ac eiusdem Cancellarie Directorem, sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus.

W. Scott.

CHARTER by William Menteth of Kers. to Matthew Hamyltoun of Mylbarne, of half of the lands of Vchiltreis, 9th February 1545.

167. OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris vel auditoris. Willelmus Monteith de Kers, superior immediatus Jacobi Strineling de Keir terrarum subscriptarum. Salutem in Domino sempiternam. Quia suprema domina nostra Regina, per litteras suas, sub sigilli sui magni testimonio, cum auiamento et consensu carissimū consanguinei sui et tutoris, Jacobi Aranie Comitis, Domini Hamalltoun, regni sui protectoris et gubernatoris, michi directas, precepit et mandavit quatenus Alexandrum Drummond de Carnock et Matheum Hamiltoun de Mylbarne, in defectu dicti Jacobi Strineling, michi in immediatos tenentes terrarum de Eistir et Westir Vchiltreis, cum molendino et suis pertinenciis, jacentium infra vicecomitatum de Linlythgow, et per annexationem infra vicecomitatum de Striueling, equaliter recuperem, ac ipsos heredes suos et assignatos in eisdem equaliter infeodarem, ut poti in prefatis litteris michi desuper directis latius continetur: Quarum tenor sub hac verborum sequitur serie: Maria Dei gratia Regina Scottorum, dilecto nostro Willelmo Monteith de Kers . . . . . Quia terre de Eistir et Westir Vchiltreis . . . . . que Thome Bischope prius hereditarie pertinebant, per ipsum de dicto Jacobo Strineling immediate tēte, in manibus nostris devenerunt, et nobis ratione eschete ob forisfacturam rite super dictum Thomam deductam pertinent, pro certis proditorie et nostre lese maiestatis criminibus per ipsum commissis, de quibus in parlamento nostro convictus extitit: Volentes tamen per huiusmodi nullum preiudicium nec lesionem prefato Jacobo in sua superioritate dictarum terrarum . . . . . generari, immo potius de vicecomenti seu tenentibus ad huiusmodi prohiberi, dilectos nostros, Alexandrum Drummond de Carnock, et Matheum Hamalltoun de Mylbarne immediatos tenentes sibi dictarum terrarum . . . . . cum auiamento et consensu . . . . . Jacobi Aranie comitis . . . . . regni nostri protectoris et gubernatoris presentavimus, sibi precipiens quatenus, dictos Alexandrum et Matheum in immediatos



tenentes sibi eandem equaliter reciperet, ac ipsos eorum heredes et assignatos in eisdem equaliter infeodaret, prout in dicta nostra presentatione sibi desuper directis plenius continetur: Cui presentationi in prima forma, nec aliis nostris presentationibus in secunda et tertia nostre cancellarie formis, sibi etiam desuper directis, parere voluit, veluri etiam sententia instrumenta desuper levata perportant: Tibi igitur, cum assensu et concessu prefati nostri consilii sui consanguinei et tutoris, precipimus et mandamus quatenus, dictos Alexandrum et Mathieum, in defectu dicti Jacobi Struelling, in immediatos tenentes sibi predictarum terrarum . . . equaliter recipias, ac ipsos eorum heredes et assignatos in eisdem equaliter infeodes, per duas cartas et sasinas, per eos suos heredes et assignatos, de te, prefato Willelmo Menteth, et heredibus tuis, ab eo illere in futurum tenendarum, ac si dictus Thomas huiusmodi, ante dictam forisfacturam, de promanato Jacobo tenuit hereditarie infeodatus. Et presentes literas, per te visas et intellectas, eandem lateri reddas: Datum sub testimonio nostri magni sigilli, apud Linlithgow, decimo die mensis Decembris, anno regni nostri tertio: Noscitis igitur nos, huiusmodi literis et mandatis compulsam, dedisse, concessisse, et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse . . . prefato Mattheo Hammiltoun heredibus suis et assignatis, totam et integram diuisionem prefatarum terrarum de Hstir et Wostir Vachlreis . . . Tenendam et habendam . . . de me et heredibus meis in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . jura et servitia . . . prius debita et consueta . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum proprium huic presenti carte mee, manu mea subscripte, est appositum, apud Edinburg, nono die mensis Februarii, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadregesimo quinto, coram hiis testibus, Dominis consilio supreme domine nostre Regine.

WILLIAM MENTETH of W. Kers.

PROCESS OF DISPENSATION for the Marriage of David Watson and Margaret Strivilyn.  
3rd June 1545.

168. VNIVERSIS et singulis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quorum notitias presentes littere peruenerint, quos et infra scriptum tangit negotium, seu tangere poterit quomolibet in futurum, Jacobus Cottis, Cancellarius ecclesie metropolitane Glasguensis, ac de Carstaris in eadem Prebendarius, commissarius et executor vna cum venerabilibus viris, Decano ecclesie metropolitane Glasguensis, et Officiali Glasguensi, nostris in hac parte collegis, ad disponendum canonice in iudicis, quod debeat, de decem viris et de decem mulieribus, cum hoc clausula, licet rationi vestre et iudicet vestrum ad infra scripta, a sede apostolica et ipsius sacre penitenciarie specialiter constituti: Salutem in Domino



sempiterna, et presentibus fidei iubilum adhibere: Ex parte dilectorum nobis in Christo, David Watsone, laici Glasguensis diocesis, et Margrete Strivilyng mulieris eiusdem diocesis, coram nobis oblata petitio continet: quod ipsi exponentes alias scientes se in quarto et quarto gradibus consanguinitatis invicem attingere: et quia, stante dicto impedimento, matrimonium inter se licite contrahere, nec in eodem permanere possint aut valeant, obque soli apostolice dispensatione legitima: ideo nobis humiliter supplicari fecerunt ipsis super his de remedio provideri oportuno, ut propter certas rationabiles causas cum ipsis exponentibus, secundum tenorem subinapte commissionis, dispensare dignarentur: Nos igitur attendentes huiusmodi requisitionem fore justam et rationi consonam, volentesque mandatum apostolicum nobis commissum perimplere, receptis prius nonnullis testibus fidedignis, ad sacra Dei evangelia iuratis, per quorum depositiones defacto compertum habuimus, dictos David et Margaretam in quarto et quarto consanguinitatis gradibus invicem attingere, aliasque et singula in dicta petitione contenta et narrata, esse et veritate fulciri. Nos igitur auctoritate apostolica nobis commissa, et qua fungimur in hac parte, reputamus et incutimus ipsos exponentes in omnibus ad huiusmodi dispensationis gratiam obtinentibus, habiles et idoneos, dictamque Margaretam propter hoc raptam non fuisse ab aliquo: Demum cum ipsis, David coram nobis personaliter comparente, et Margreta Strivilling in personam Johannis Strivilyng de Crobarnack sui procuratoris ab hoc constituti, et ad janua prostratis huius litere fieri petentibus, quod non obstantibus impedimento quarti et quarti consanguinitatis gradu antedicto, aliisque premissis, matrimonium in facie ecclesie, per verba de presenti, solemnizare et in eodem, postquam solemnizatum fuerit, libere et licite possint et valeant permanere, misericorditer in Domino clementius dispensandum, pro ut tenore presentium dispensamus: prolemque seu proles inter eosdem suscipiendam legitimam decedentes: banns tamen, et aliis solemnitatibus in matrimonio fiendo solitis, premissis non obstantibus, observatis: Sequitur tenor commissionis principalis: Antonius miseratione divina Episcopus Saluensis, discretis viris, Decano, et Jacobo Cottis Canonico, ecclesie Glasguensis, ac Officiodi Glasguensi, Salutem in Domino: Solis apostolice ineffensa clementia vixitque peruigil ad ea perissimum circumspectionis sue oculos dirigit, per que animarum Christi fidelium saluti, eorumque tranquillitati et paci consilium, rigorem juris propterea mansuetudine temperans, et quod sacrorum canonum prohibent, reseruit de gratia benignitatis indulgens: pro ut temperum et personarum qualitate pensata, si in Domino subreptiter expedire cognoscat, et ut Christi fideles, qui ob viarum longinquitatem et discrimina ad sedem ipsam propriam comode recursum habere non valent, ne ob id patienter, personis prouidis et circumspectis de super vias suas libenter com-





mittere consuevit: Sane pro parte dilectorum nobis in Christo, Mauricii Clerici, perpetui Vicarii de Kilmarnock, et Hugonis Curry, etiam perpetui Vicarii seu Commendatarii de Howme, Glasguensis diocesis, fuit propositum eorum nobis: quod in regno Scotie, et insulis illi subiectis, plures sunt viri et mulieres quarto consanguinitatis et affinitatis gradu coniuncti, et se attinentes, ac nullius honestatis iustitie et cognatione spirituali impediti, quorum aliqui ex rationabilibus causis iudicem matrimonialiter copulari: aliqui vero, qui huiusmodi impedimenta ignorantes vel scientes, matrimonium contraxerunt, et inter quos, si fieret dinordium, gravia possint exinde scandala provenire, in eorum matrimonio remanere desiderant: sed quia id absque sedis apostolice dispensatione facere, et propter vicum longinquitatem et discrimina, ad dictam sedem, pro dispensatione ipsa comode accedere aut mittere nequeunt, eorum rationabili desiderio frustrantur: vel in eorum matrimonialis, non sine magno eorum animarum periculo illicita remanere contingit: Quare dicti exponentes supplicari fecerunt humiliter, eis super his, per sedem eandem misericorditer provideri: Nos igitur, huiusmodi supplicationibus inclinati, auctoritate homini pape, cuius penitentie curam gerimus, et de eius speciali et expresso mandato super hoc rite vocis oraculo nobis facto; discretionis vestre et cuilibet vestrum committimus, quatenus cum duodecim copulis, videlicet, cum duodecim viris et totidem mulieribus, Glasguensis, Dunblanensis, Lesmorensis, et Sedorensis siue Insularum eisdem et diocesium, quos ad hoc dicti Mauritius et Hugo insimul, ac duobus aut vni vestrum, duxerint nominandos, super impedimentis quarti gradus, simplicis, duplicis, triplicis aut multiplex consanguinitatis aut affinitatis, ac primi, secundi, tertii et quarti graduum politico, honestate, iusticie, similiter, simplicis, duplicis, triplicis, aut multiplex, etiam si alter coniugum seu contrahere volentium primo, secundo aut tertio, alter vero quarto consanguinitatis et affinitatis gradu distarent, ac cognationis spiritualis inter baptizatum seu baptizatam, aut confirmatum seu confirmatam, et filios baptizantis aut leuanti de sacro fonte seu crismantis, aut tenentis in confirmatione, quod impedimentis huiusmodi copulatione vel disiunctive non obstantibus, qui nondum contraxerint etiam si huiusmodi impedimenta ignorantes vel scientes, antea sese pluries carnaliter cognouerint et preterea procreauerint: Ac qui post contractum ignoranter et etiam consummatum seu contractum scienter et non consummatum matrimonium diuertiri fuerint: etiam si post sententiam dinortii sese carnaliter cognouerint, matrimonium inter se contrahere, et in eo postmodum remanere: Qui vero etiam ignoranter vel scienter, etiam clandestine, matrimonium etiam presumptum contraxerint et consummauerint, etiam si antea sese carnaliter cognouerint: exceptis illis, qui consanguinitatis et seu affinitatis impedimentis impediti, huiusmodi impedimento scientes, matrimonium contraxerint et consummauerint.



eum quibus per vos dispensari posse nullatenus volumus ut in eorum contracto matrimonio remanere, illudque in fide ecclesie, si opus fuerit, solemnizare libere et licite valeant dispensare, dummodo mulieres ipse propter hoc ab aliquo rapto non fuerint; proles susceptas et suscipiendas exinde legitimas decernere: necnon eos, qui scienter et seu clandestine contraxerint, aut prius sese carnaliter cognoverint, ab excommunicationis sententia incestus reatu et excessibus huiusmodi, pro ut opus fuerit, prius et ante omnia absolvere ac etiam penitentiam salutarem et alia que de jure fuerint iniungenda, iniungere libere et licite possitis, tenore presentium licentiam concedimus facultatem: vices nostras in his votis plenarie committentes. Non obstantibus apostolicis ac provincialibus et synodalibus constitutionibus et ordinationibus, ceterisque contrariis quibuscunque: Presentibus post quinquennium minime validuris. Volumus auctoritate quod dupla seu registra dispensationum, quos vigore presentium fieri contigerit, sub sigillo autentico et in forma autentica nobis, et officio nostro penitentiarie apostolicæ, quantumvis poteritis transmittere teneamini eum effectu, et numerum equalium huiusmodi non excedatis, nec in aliis, præterquam in presentibus literis expressis gradibus dispensare, neque huiusmodi facultate, elapso dicto quinquennio, uti quomolibet presumatis decernentes, quem si contra voluntatem nostram huiusmodi fieri contigerit, et inde pro tempore sequenti quicumque nullius existeret reboris vel momenti: Datum Rome, apud Sanctum Petrum, sub sigillo ecclesiæ penitentiariæ, illi habendas Martii, pontificatus domini Pauli pape tertii, anno nono: In quorum omnium et singulorum fidem et testimonium premissorum, has presentes literas nostras, sive presens publicum instrumentum, processum huiusmodi dispensationis nostre in se continentes, et per notarium publicum subscriptum, nostram in presenti processu scribam, dari, et subscribi, et publicari mandavimus: sigillisque nostri iussimus et fecimus appensione committi: Datum et actum in civitate Glasguensi, in domo dicti domini Jacobi Cotris, Receptoris de Carstaris, die tertio mensis Junii, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragésimo quinto, indictione tertia, pontificatusque sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Pauli divina providentia pape tertii, anno vicesimo, circa horam octavam ante meridiem: Presentibus Robertum, Walmes, Park, Wilhelmum Boehmannen, Jacobo Cameroun, et domino Johanne Androssou, capellano et notario publico, testibus ad premissa vocatis, pariter et rogatis.

Et ego Johannes Morison, presbiter Glasguensis diocesis, sacra auctoritate apostolica notarius: Quia, etc.

JOHANNES MORISON.



ARTICLES of AGREEMENT between the Lord Governour [Arrane] and the Privy Council and George Strucling of Glorat, Captain of Dunbartane Castle. 1st April 1545.

169. At Edinburch the first day of Aprile, the zeir of God, 15<sup>th</sup> V<sup>l</sup> xlv zeiris: In presens of my Lord Governour and Lordis of Seerit Counsaile, comperit James Porterfield, seruand to George Strucling of Glorat, Capitane of the Castell of Dunbartane, and in his name and behalf gif in thir articles and desiris, off the qudlik the tenour followis, to giddir with my Lord Governour and Lordis of Prene Counsaile answer thairto. In the First: Plesit zoure grace and lordschippis to grant me one generall remission to me, my kin, freindis, tenentis and partakaris, samony as I will gif in bill, for all crymes and offences committit be me, or any of myne, in tymes bygane, incontrair our sowerane lady and my lord governour: and one remission to be extendit in the largest forme, with all claussis n<sup>o</sup> bifull: My Lord Governour and Lordis of Counsaile grantis this article: Secondlie: Plesit zoure grace and lordschippis to gif me one letter of tak and assedatioun of the said Castell and Fortalice of Dunbartane, including the quenis grace minorite, I finding sufficient caution, landit men, that the said hous be obscurit and kept to the quenis grace and the auctorite: My Lord Governour and Lordis of Prene Counsaile grantis this article: Thridlie: Becaus the landis rentis and possessions of the said Castell ar vaistit and destroyit, and I had nothing to sustene the said hous, I intromettit with certane virtualis of the 1<sup>st</sup> merk land of Kilpatrick, and Kirk of the samin, partenyng to my Lord of Paslay: thairfoir plesit zoure grace and lordschippis to recompens and pay the said abbot, and caus him to gif me one discharge of the samin: My Lord Governour and Lordis of Prene Counsaile grantis this article, and hes tane on hand to p<sup>ay</sup> my lord of Paslay: Forthlie: That zoure grace and lordschippis wald grant me one culvering bastard, twa culvering mounis, sex hag-burtis of erek, with powder and bulletis efferand thairto, for defens of the said hous: My Lord Governour and Lordis of Prene Counsaile grantis one myne, with sic vther gunnis and small artailzerie as is necessar for keeping of the said hous, powder and bulletis efferand thairto: Fiftlie: Becaus the landis of the said Castell ar destroyit, and I get na males nor dewiteis to sustene my seruandis, nor to pay thair feyis: thairfoir that zoure lordschip grant me thre hundred crownis of the same to pay seruandis fealis, and to by fische and flesche and fowle to sustene the place: My Lord Governour and Lordis of Prene Counsaile grantis the soyme of iii<sup>l</sup> li. to this effect: Sixthlie, Becaus we have obscurit and kept the said place hileth and travelle furth of our ynnemais handis, and thair partokaris in tymes bygane, and in tyme cuning, will God, sell obscurie and keep the samin: thairfoir ples zoure lordschip to mak my no





ane rewarde thairfor, gif zeure lordschippis think's that we have deservit the same. My Lord Governour and Lordis of Privie Counsaile think's that this Capitane schall be rewardit: Seintlie: That zeure lordschipp wold discharge me of the fermes of Inchymanane, intromittit with be use of this incourt zair; and in the meynetyme that zeure lordschipp wold discharge the Maister of Scapill, and all vtheris of any incourisoun troubling or impediment making to the pary tenants of the said lordschipp of the present zair; and so like that we may have ourre obligatioun of warrentree subseruit be my Lord Governour in the sickernest forme that may be devised: My Lord Governour and Lordis of Privie Counsaile has graunt this writ, and has tene on hand to pleis the Maister of Scapill; and the said Maister of Scapill being personallie present, has consentit heitro; providing alwayis that the said Capitane intercomit with na mair in tymes coming: Auchtilie: Pleis zeure grace and lordschippis to modify me ane zerbille leving in tymes coming for debtis of the said place, and in the meynetyme my pleze and souerteis to remane, schawing as I get payment of the said leving; off the quilk that my plege and souerteis be contentit of. My Lord Governour and Lordis of Counsaile modifys the saying of v. li. take pait writte to the said Capitane for debtis of the said lens, induring the tyme of wele lordis England and Scotland, by the fermes and thingis the schawin has ellis; and in tyme of pees, my Lord Governour and Lordis of Counsaile sall cause the said lens to be assayed of the awin proper dewiteis: For the fulfilling of the quilkis, James, Bishopp of Dunelm, of Bishoptoun, and John, Bishopp of Bescroffe, or becum controuris and souerteis, controuris and generall for the said Capitane, that the said Place and Castell of Dunbartoun schall kepis and consail to the quene's grace, indurand hir minorite to my lord governour; and that the said Capitane sall nocht ressaue na Ingilismen; nor any other son of Ingilish, nor he sall ressaue the Erle of Leinax, nor none of his sounis, nor na man beland nor na frend and Ingiland; and gif any sounis or writtingis comis fra the King of Ingilish, or the Erle of Leinax, or any vther thair favouris, that the said Capitane sall not the same and writtingis, and bring them or send thowis to my Lord Governour and Lordis of Counsaile: Item: That the said Capitane be him self his sounis and partouris sall nocht expres reif, or do na wrong in the cause of vtheris, but for selfis of justice, nor sall ressaue none within the place that is sic thowis. Item: That he sall sette leldie and trowle my Lord Governour all tymes when he schall requirit, under the pane of xii. markis. Item: That the said Capitane sall cause sell he queneis to my Lord Governour and Lordis of Counsaile, and appoynt all the processis, yield the





said pane: Item: That the said Capitane sall deliver his sone and aire in the Castell of Sempill, to remane with him in plege and keeping, betuix this and the xv day of Aprile instant; and to ly in plege for the observing and fulfilling of the premissis; and the said Lord binds and obligis him that he sall keep the said Capitane's sone surerie, and sall deliver him to no maner of persons, but to my Lord Governour quhen he is requirit thairto, as he will answer to my Lord Governour upon his vicesmaist charge: And as to that thair plege orbitit to be deliverit to my Lord Governour, that is to say, Walter Striveling, brother to the said Capitane, the day of the dait of thir presentis, the said Walter is enterit as said is: And becaus it is in speciale convenit betuix my Lord Governour and Lordis of Privie Counsaile and the said Patrik [sic, sed lege Capitain] and sonneis fohsaddis; that ane remission, ane letter of tak, ane discharge of the virtualis of the Kirk of Kilpatrick takin vp be the said Capitane, the sowing of lxx lib. and ane cumbering mynare, with part of powder, salbe deliverit to the said Capitane within xv daits; that in cais the samin be nocht deliverit within the said xv dayis, the saidis actis touching the saidis soursis tobe expirit and tobe null in the self: *Extremum de libro actorum per me, Magistrum Jacobum Foulis de Collinton, clerikum regularium registri ac consilii supreme domine nostre Regine, sub meis signis et subscriptione manualibus.*

JACOBUS FOULIS.

GRANT by Queen Mary, with consent of the Regent Arran, to George Stirling of Glorat, of the office of Captain of the Castle of Dumblarton, 25th April 1545.

170. MARY by the grace of God Queen of Scots, to all and sundry our biddes and subjects quham it effeirs, to quhais knowledge thir our letters sal cum, Greeting: Wit ye us, with advice, consent, and authority of our dearest cousing and tutor, James Earle of Arran, Lord Hamilton, Protector and Governour of our realm, to have made constitut and ordanit, and be thir our letters makis constituts and ordains our lovite, George Stirling of Glorat, his heirs or assigneys, Captains Constables and Keepers of our Castle of Dumblarton, wchik the said George now bruiks and keeps, for all the dayes and terms of nine years next and immediately following the day of the date hereof: Given and granted and committand to them, our full power and speciall mandat to minister in the said office of captainrie, and to use and exercise the samen in all things pertaining thereto; and to make constables or deputs, ane or mae, under them in the said office, for whom they shall be halden to answer, for using and exercising of the said office; and for the good true and thankfull service done and to be done to us and our successors, be the said George, with



advice consent and authority of our said Tutor and Gouverneur, we have given, grantit, assigned, and disponed, and be thir our letters gives, grants, assignes, and dispones to him, his heirs and assigneys, all lands, annuals, fees, customs and duties, aught and pertaining to the keeping of our said Castle of Lohr: with power to them to hold courts upon the saids lands, and to take up the uncows, amerciements, and escheats thereof, and gif neid beis to poynd and distrainze therefor: and to remove, change, input, and output tennents thereof, sikelike and als freely as any other Captains of our said Castle might have done of before, freely, quietly, well, and in peace, but any revocation or again calling whatsomover: Quhairfor we charge straitly and command you, all and sundry our heidges and subillis foresaid, that none of you take upon hand to make any impediment, lett, or distrubllance to the said George, his heirs or assigneys, in the keeping of our said Castle, and in the up-taking of all lands, annuals, fees, customs, and duties pertaining thereto, during the saids nine years, after the tenor of thir our letters, under all highest pain and charge that after may follow: Given under our privie seall at Edinburgh, the 25th day of April, the year of God 1545 years, and of our reigne the third year.

Per Signaturam manu domini Gubernatoris subscribam.

Litera GEORGH STIRLING de Glorat.

**LETTER** by the Regent Arran, in the name of Queen Mary, to the Lords of Session, ordaining them to desist from proceeding in any actions of spulzie against George Striueling of Gloret, 19th March 1546.

REGINA.

171. CHANCELLARE, President and Lordis of oure Counsaile and Sessionne: We greit zow hertlie weill: Forsamekle as oure derrest cousing and tutoure, James Erle of Arrane, Lord Hammiltoun etc., protectour and governour of oure realme, at oure assage maid be him at oure Castell of Dunbartane, for saiffy of the samin furth of the handis of oure auld inymeis of Ingland, apponettit with George Striueling of Glorat, than Capitane thairof, that oure said governour suld get discharge to him of all spulzieis committit be him and his seruandis, sen the deces of vmquhile oure deriest fader of gude mynd, quham God assolze, fra the personis younge quham the samin wes committit, with letteris of skanis fra the kin and freindis of all personis younge quham thair had committit ony slauchter in the meyntyme: and oure said governour, to satisfy the saidis personis spulzeit, and kin and freindis, for the saidis gualis and slauchteris: and for that caus the said George gif oure and deliverit oure said Castell to oure said governour: Howbeit James Habbane of Garmugus, Donald Campbell of Ardmynne,



Johnne Simpill of Fouldwood, and his tenants and servants, David Watsone burgess of Dunbartane, Gilbert Kennedy of Balnakeilnochane, Schir James Jaksonne chaplane, Maister William Hamilltounne, William Dinchell, and divers vtheris persons, has raisit and intendis to rais summondis at their instances respectiue, vpon shair spulzeis of gulis allegit tobe committit vponne thame by the said George and his servants, intending to persue and recover the said better zew aganis him, and to ruyal and appris his landis and gulis therefore: in slewis that oure said governour my necht keip his promit foirsaid maid to the said George: quhilk we and oure said governour, of oure and his honour, can necht stiffe jole done: Heirfore we, with anis consont and auctorite of oure gouvernoure foirsaid, peipis and als chargeis zew that incontinent efter the sicht heirof, ze desist and ceis fra all calling and proceeding vponne any summondis raisit or tobe raisit aganis the said George and his servants, at the instances of the persons speciallie aboue nemit, or any vtheris, for quhatsumsuir spulzeis of gulis allegit tobe committit vponne thame, or any of thame, by the said George and his servants, sen the deces of oure said vnequyte dearest fader, quhill the geving and delivoring of oure said Castell to oure said governour: but that ze remit and refer thame to oure said governour, to aggre with him thairpounne, and he sall safely thame ressonnabillie thairfore, conforme to his promit maid to the said George thairpounne: Discharging zew all vtherpoures thairof, and of your office in that part, be thir oure luttaris: and that ze mak ane act in zoure bukis heirof: Gevin vnder oure signete, and subscriit be oure said governour, at Edinburch, the nyntent day of Marche, and of oure regnare the 8. th. zair.

JAMES G.

DECLARATION by the Barons of the Levenax, that George Strindling of Glorat, ought to render the Castle of Dunbartane to the Lord Governour, 13th July 1546.

Apud Dunbartane xliii. Julii, anno etc. xlii.

172. THE quhilk day, in presens of my Lord Governour and the Counsaill, comparit thir gentilmen vnderwritin Baronis of the Levenax, that is to say, George Buchquhanne of that ilk, Johnne Culphoun of Luss, Johnne Birseane of Bischoptoun, James Gubrayth of Culterwich, the Lord of Cowgroun, Johnne Lindsay of Buthob, Alexander McCawlay of Arncapill, the Lord of Arlock, Alexander Douglas of Manys, Johnne Strindling of Craigbarnard, Walter Strindling of Bailegroune, Johnne Napier of Kilmahew; and hes all in ane voer thocht necessar and expedient conforme to my Lord Governouris and the Lordis of Counsaillis desire, that George Strindling of Glorat, Capitane of Dunbartane, sall gif our and render the house and castell of Dunbartane





to my Lord Governour, to be ordeint be his grace, with avis of the counsaile, in euey behalf, as sallbe fundin expedient: and to that effect sall devoid and red him self and all that is into the said castell within sic termes as sallbe appoyntit to him be my Lord Governour and the Counsaile: And in cais he refusis to do the samin, the saidis lardis baronis and gentilmien takkis on hand to serue my Lord Gouverneur with their kyn and freynalls, to the recovering of the said hous, as sall pleis my Lord Governour and the Counsaile to command thame: In witness heirof thai haif subseriuit thir presentis with their handis, day, weir, and place foirsaidis.

JAMES GALBRAYTH with my hand  
on the pen, led be Neyll Layng  
notar, at my command.

ALEXANDER McCRAWLAY of Ard-  
capill with my hand at the  
pen, led be the notar foirsaid.

JOHN COLQUHOUN of Lass.

WALTER STREVELING of Baylagan.

JOHN LYNDSEY of Boleale.

JOHN STIRLING of Cragbarnard.

GEORGE BUCHANANNE of that  
ilk with my hand at the pen,  
led be Neyll Layng notar, at  
my command.

JOHN NAPIER of Kilmahew with  
my hand at the pen, led be the  
notar foirsaid.

ALEXANDER DOWGLAS of Manys  
with my hand at the pen, led  
be Neyll Layng notar.

JOHN BERSAN of Byschoptoun  
wyth my hand.

LICENCE by Queen Mary, with consent of the Rogen Arraunt, to Janet Strimeling, the spouse of Thomas Bischop, to remane in England, 28th March 1547.

#### REGINA.

173. Ws. with avis, consent, and autorite of our dereest cousing and toun, James Erll of Arrane, Lord Hammylton, &c., Protectour and Governour of our realme, to quham it is understandin that hir luit Janet Strimeling, the spous of Thomas Bischop, of the speciale licence of hir said governour givin to hir at the request of freynalls, past to remane with hir said spous in the partis of Ingland: off new grantis and gevis licence to hir to remane in the saidis partis, thair to do hir crandis and besynis at hir plesour, for the space of xx dayis nint ofir the day of the date of thir presentis: And will and grantis, that throu hir passing and remaning in the saidis partis, son hir departing, and in tym cuning during the said space, scho schall nocht haue any dangir or sleith in hir person, handis nor gudis, nor sall nocht be collit nor used, tounit, crimindit nor childit, be any maner of way in tymes cuning: Nochtwithstandin the weris now



standing beuix ws. our realme and liegis. and the King of Ingland. his realme and liegis: and sielike. nochtwithstanding ony our proclamations. chargis. or actis of parliament. vthir lawis. consuetudis of our realme maid or to be maid in the contrar. and pains contenit thairinfill: anent the qudilkis we dispens with the said Janet be thir our letteris: And attour. we. with consent and autorite of our governour fersaid. ratify and appevis all ryehris maid sene hir departing furth of our realm and procuratoris to James Striudling of the Keir. and to be maid during the tyme of this licence to ryne: Subseriuit be our said Governour. and gevin vnder our signet. at Sterleng. the xxviii day of Marcht. and of our regnme the fyft zere.

COLLATION and INDUCTION of Sir John Forfar to the Chaplainry of the Virgin Mary within the Cathedral Church of Dunblane. 25th January 1549.

174. WILLELMUS. Dei et apostolice sedis gratia. Episcopus Dunblanen'sis. Decano nostro Christianitatis eiusdem. seu cuiunque alteri capellano super executione presentium debite requisito. Salutem cum benedictione divina. Quia capellaniam perpetuam diue Virginis Marie. infra ecclesiam cathedralis Dunblanen'sem fundatam. vacantem per puram et simplicem resignationem et dimissionem venerabilis viri Domini Jacobi Blakwod vltimi capellani et possessoris eiusdem. in manibus nostris sponte factam. ad presentationem honorabilis viri. Jacobi Striudling de Keir. nostramque collationem ordinariam. pleno jure. specantem et pertinentem: dilecto nostro. Domino Johanni Forfar capellano. nobis per dictum Jacobum litteratorie presentato. absenti tanquam presenti. in persona Andree Blakwod eius procuratoris ad hoc specialiter constituti. de cuius procuracionis mandato nobis per instrumentum publicum. sub signo et subscriptione manuali domini Johannis Lermouth notarii publici subscripti. incidenter constabat. ex data. apud civitatem Dunblanensem. die vicesimo quarto mensis Januarii. anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo nono: divino caritatis intuitu. contulimus et per presentes conferimus. eundemque Dominum Johannem. per annuli nostri digito dicte Andree eius procuratoris impositionem. investimus in eadem. eam regimen et administrationem eiusdem. sibi plene et committentes. Quocirca vobis ac vestrum cuilibet. in virtute sancte obedientie stricte precipiendo mandamus quatenus



eandem Dominum Johannem, vel procuratorem suum legitimum, in et ad realem, actualem, et corporalem, seu quasi possessionem dicte capellanie, juriuraque et pertinentiarum eiusdem, inducatis et iacinctis, inducimusque et institutioni canonice defendatis; sibi que de illius fructibus, redditibus, juribus, oblationibus ymuneis, integre responderi fidelis; contradicentes, si qui forsan fuerint, auctoritate nostra artius compescendo; in signum vero huiusmodi institutionis et traditionis possessionis vos, qui presentes executi fueritis, sigillum vestrum in secunda eandem post nostram presentibus appendatis, aut per notarium publicum nota sibi fieri facitis, apud eundem Dominum Johannem inperpetuum remansuris. In quorum omnium et singulorum premissorum fidem et testimonium has presentes collationis litteras, sancte presens publicum instrumentum, per notarium publicum subscriptum subscribi et publicari mandavimus, sigillique nostri rotundi jussimus et fecimus appenditum committeri. Datum et actum apud civitatem Dunblanen-ensem, in eadem scribae consistorialis eiusdem, hora tertia post meridiem vel eodica, die vicesimo quinto mensis Januarii, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragésimo nono, indictione octava, pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Pauli divina providentia pape tertii, anno duodecimo sexto, seu saltem ut ait vulgo, sede apostolica pastore carente. Presentibus, Mauritio Keire, Willelmo Blakwod, Georgio Melros, testibus ad premissa vocatis pariterque regatis.

Et ego Johannes Lermont, presbiter Sanctiandree diocesis sacra auctoritate apostolica notarius publicus etc.

JOHANNES LERMONT not. pub.

[*Uorso.*]

In Dei Nomine Amen. Per hoc presens publicum instrumentum cunctis pateat evidenter, quod anno Incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo quadragésimo nono, mensis vero Januarii die vltima, indictione octava, pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Pauli divina providentia pape tertii, anno duodecimo sexto, seu saltem, ut ait vulgo, sede apostolica pastore carente: In mei notarii publici et testimonii subscriptorum presentia, personaliter constitutus venerabilis vir, Dominus Jacobus Blakwod, Capellanus, ac Decanus Christianitatis Dunblanensis, requisitus per retroscriptum Andream, procuratorem et eo nomine retroscripti Domini Joannis Factor Capellani, cuius procuracionis mandato mihi clare constabat ut retroscriberetur, pro institutione retroscripte capellanie et altaris Beate Marie Virginis, secundum unam formam et tenorem retroscripte collationis littere sibi directe et presentate, mandata necessit ad aliam retroscripte capellanie, et ibidem Dominum Johannem Factor prefatum, absentem tanquam presentem, in persona sancti et Andre Blakwod, sui procuratoris, in realem actualem seu quasi corporalem possessionem prefate capellanie et altaris, per vestimentorum et libri missalis dicte altaris traditionem et dedicationem, et iussus



est, instituit, induxit et inuestiuit, ac omnia alia et singula in retroscripta collatione litera contenta, vigore eiusdem debite executioni demandauit. Super quibus omnibus et singulis prefatus Andreas, procurator et eo nomine quo supra, a me notario publico subscripto, sibi fieri petiit vnum publicum instrumentum, seu plura publici instrumenta. Acta erant hec in ecclesia cathedrali Dunblanenſi apud dictum altare Beatissimæ Virginis Mariæ, hora secunda post meridiem vel occidit, sub anno, mense, die, indictione, et pontificatu quibus supra. Presentibus Iohannem, Jacobo Finlason, et Willelmo Blakwod notario publico, testibus ad premissa vocatis pariterque rogatis.

Et ego Johannes Lermouth, etc.

COLLATION by William (Crisholm) Bishop of Dunblane to William Blakwood, of the Chaplainry of St. Mary within the Cathedral Church of Dunblane, 3rd February 1549.

175. WILLELMUS, Dei et apostolice sedis gracia, Episcopus Dunblanensis, dilectis nostris Dominis Matheo Muschet, et Georgio Ross, capellanis, Salutem, cum benedictione diuina: De vestris prudentia et scientia quam plurimum confidentes vobis, capellanis beatissime Virginis Mariæ infra ecclesiam cathedralem Dunblanensem fundatam, cum eam vacare contigerit, per resignationem seu dimissionem Domini Joannis Foster, nunc capellani et possessoris eiusdem, seu per procuratorem suum ad hoc legitime constitutum, cum omnibus suis iuribus et pertinentiis: idcirco clerico, Willelmo Blakwood, vigore presentationis nobilis viri, Jacobi Strimeling de Keir, patroni eiusdem, conferendi et assignandi, et de eadem cum plenitudine juris canonici prouidendi; ac eundem Willelmum, vel procuratorem suum legitimum, in eadem, actuali, et corporalem seu quasi possessionem dictæ capellaniæ, iuriumque et pertinentiarum eiusdem, inducendi et induci faciendi, curam, regimen, et administrationem eiusdem, sibi plenarie committendi; ceteraque omnia et singula faciendi, gerendi, et exercendi, que in premissis circaque ea necessaria fuerint seu etiam oportuna, nostram hac vice tenore presentium committimus potestatem et facultatem impartimur vobis coniunctim et diuisim. Datam sub sigillo nostro rotundo, una cum nostra manuali subscriptione, apud ciuitatem Dunblanensem die tertio mensis Februarii, anno Domini, millesimo quingentesimo quadragésimo nono.

WILLELMUS Episcopus Dunblanensis.

DISPENSATION by James Strimeling of Keir to Sir William Blakwood,  
3rd February 1549.

176. In Dei Nominis Amen. Per hoc presens publicum Instrumentum cunctis pateat eui





dentur, quod anno Incarnationis Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo nono, mensis Februarii die tertio, indictione octava, pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, Domini Pauli divina providentia Pape tertii, anno decimo sexto. In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia, personaliter constitutus nobilis vir, Jacobus Strimling de Keir, patronus laicus, capellanie et altaris Beatissime Marie Virginis in insula beridali navis ecclesie cathedralis Dunblanensis fundator; exposuit, quod alias presentavit Willolaum Blakwod, clericum civitatis Dunblanensis, caractere clericali insignitum, ad dictam capellaniam, reverendo patri Willolmo Episcopo Dunblanensi, pro sua collatione desuper habenda; et quamquam dictus Willolmus non sit presbiter de presenti, idem Jacobus licentiauit, toleravit, et admisit ipsam Willolaum, ac secum dispensavit, prout tenere presentis instrumenti licentia, tolerat, et admittit eundem secumque dispensat, ad acceptandam dictam capellaniam, et libere gerendam eandem, cum universis suis fructibus, emolumentis, et pertinentiis, vacante alio servitio capellani servitio seu beneficio, cum cura aut sine cura, in ecclesia antedicta sine alibi, usque commode ad sacros etiam presbiteratus ordines promoveri poterit; dummodo dicta capellania debitis servitiis non fraudetur, sed per ydoneum capellannum deserviant, secundum tenorem primarie foundationis eiusdem. Super quibus omnibus et singulis propterea Willolmus Blakwod a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri precepit unum publicum instrumentum, seu plura publica instrumenta. Acta erant hec in aula Archiepiscopatus Dunblanensis, infra civitatem Dunblanensem, hora nona ante meridiem vel circiter, sub anno, mense, die, indictione et pontificatu quibus supra. Presentibus ibidem Andrea Blakwod et Johanne Morisue notariis publicis, testibus ad premissa vocatis pariterque regatis.

Et ego Johannes Lermont presbiter Sanctiandree diocesis sacra auctoritate apostolica notarius publicus etc.

JOHANNES LERMONT notarius publicus.

LETTERS of PROMOTION by Robert Bishop of Orkney, of William Blakwod to the Order of Sub-Deacon, 14th March 1550.

177. ROBERTUS miseratione divina Orkneyensis Episcopus, Universis et singulis sancte matris ecclesie filiis, ad quorum notitias presentes littere pervenerint, Salutem in omnium Salvatore. Noueritis quod nos, die date presentium, videlicet, Sabbato ante Dominicam de Passione, in ecclesia Monasterii de Jedburgh, Glasguensis diocesis, virtute commissionis domini commissarii generalis Glasguensis, vicario generali in remotis agente, ac sede eiusdem vacante; ordines, tota generale quam synodales, ministrantes et celebrantes, dilectum nobis in Christo filium, Willolaum Blakwod accellum Dunblanensis diocesis, pro titulo capellanie Beate Marie infra ecclesiam cathedrali Dunblanensem



habentem, diligenter examinatum in scientiis, moribus et aliis requisitis, idoneum et habilem repertum, per nostrorum manuum impositionem, ad sacrum subdiaconatus ordinem rite et canonice duximus promotionem, eandemque promotionis. In cuius rei testimonia presentibus, manu notarii nostri pro tempore subscriptis, signatum nostrum est affixum, apud Jedburgh, decimo quarto die mensis Martii, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo, et nostre consecrationis anno primo.

Magister JACOBUS SKERN notarius publicus,  
de mandato predicti reverendi patris.

RENUNCIATION by Mr. Abraham Creichtone, Provost of Dunglas, &c., of his right to the Chaplainry of St. Mary, within the Cathedral Church of Dunblane, 7th December 1551.

178. *IX Dei Nomine. Amen:* Per hoc presens publicum Instrumentum cunctis patent evidenter, quod anno Incarnationis Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo primo, mensis vero Decembris die septimo, Indictione decima, pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Julii divina providentia pape tertii, anno tertio: In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia, personaliter constitutus, Magister Abraham Creichtone, Pape sius de Dunglas ac Officialis Sanctiandree infra Archidiaconatum Laudonie, pretendens se habere jus ad capellaniam perpetuam Dñe Virginis Marie infra ecclesiam cathedralen Dunblanensem fundatam et situatam, vigore cuiusdam assente signature a sede apostolice desuper obtente, per eundem dixit quod voluit dominum Willhelmum Elford capellanum, in pacifica possessione et gausione dicte capellanie quam prius canonice obtinuerat, quovismodo molestare: Propterea, proprio motu et spontanea voluntate, non vi aut metu ductus, nec compulsus aut coactus, vel fraude circumventus, omnibus malioribus, modo, via, jure, et firma, quibus melius et efficacius potuit et debuit, publice et expresse renuntiavit huiusmodi signature per ipsam et assumit obtente: necnon appellationi seu appellationibus desuper ad sedem preliantem interposita seu interpositis contra eundem dominum Willhelmum, occasione eius capellanie prenominate: necnon assertis intimationi et notificationi, seu notificationibus et intimationibus appellationis et appellationum huiusmodi, ac citationi et citationibus, dictum dominum Willhelmum eo preteriti, atque etiam juri, illi, cause, actioni, proprietati et possessioni quod seu ius habuit habet seu habere potuit seu potest ad capellaniam expellendam, vigore huiusmodi signature aut alio quovismodo modo, promissisque ubi notario publico subscripto, singulari vice et nomine omnium et singulorum quorum interest, repletens se contra dictam renuntiationem, nunc



quam per se, vel alium seu alios, directe vel indirecte, publicis vel occulte, quovis-questio colore vel ingenio, devenire, sub penis in jure desuper contentis: Super quibus omnibus et singulis, prefibatus dominus Wilhelmus, a notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit instrumentum seu instrumenta: Acta erant hec in ecclesia Beati Egidii de Edinburch, loco consistoriali eiusdem, die septimo mensis Decembris, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo primo, hora duodecima in meridie vel circiter, coram his testibus, Magistro Johanne Spens, Thoma Hart, Magistro Alexandro Drummond et Jacobo Cheisholme, Domino Edmundo Cheisholme, et Georgio Melro, testibus ad premissa vocatis pariterque rogatis.

Et ego Andreas Blakwed, clericus Sanctiandree diocesis, publicis sacra auctoritate apostolica notarius, &c.

ANDREAS BLAKWED.

CHARTER by the Dean and Chapter of Dunblane to James Stryueling of Keir, of the lands of Auchynby, 23rd March 1549.

179. OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris vel audientis, Wilhelmus Gordonum Dogamus, et Capitulum ecclesie cathedralis Dunblanenses, Salutem in Domino sempiternam: Nuncitis nos, unanimi consensu et assensu, ad hoc capitulariter congregati, nostre deliberacione ac longo tractatu prehabitis, utilitateque et commodo nostris et clerici nostri capituli videlicet preuisis pensatis et consideratis, et presertim in augmentacionem nostri rentalis huius nostri capituli annuatim ad summam treslibrum solidorum et quatuor denariorum monete vualis regni Scotie, plusquam vngnam tunc subscripse nobis aut predecessoribus nostris antea persoluerunt: necnon pro incremento pedale infra regnum Scotie, ac aliis iustis rationabilibus causis ad hoc nos inuocentibus, cum expressis consensu et assensu concedendi in Christo patris et domini, domini Willhelmi Dunblanensis Episcopi, delisse, concessisse, locasse, et ad feodifirmam seu emphiteosiam hereditarie dimississe . . . . . accedente ad hoc consensu summi pontificis, honorabili viri Jacobi Stryueling de Keir, suis hereditibus et assignatis quibuscunque, totas et integras terras vestras de Auchynby cum pertinentiis, annexis et connexis, nobis decime et capitulo antedictis pertinentes, iacentes infra vicecomitatum de Perth, et seneschalliam de Strathern, inter terras de Langrig ex boreali et orientali, pratum et terras de Kippendawe ex australi, ac terras vulgo nuncupatas Drummagone ex occidentali partibus. Tenentes et habendas totas et integras terras vestras predictas . . . . . prefato Jacobo Stryueling et suis hereditibus et assignatis quibuscunque, de nobis et successoribus nostris, in feodifirma seu emphiteosi hereditarie imperpetuum . . . . . Soluendo inde annuatim





. . . nobis et successoribus nostris, decanis et capitulo Dunblanensibus, pro tempore existentibus . . . summam quadraginta solidorum monete usualis regni Scotie, sicut prius ante confectionem presentium nobis et predecessoribus nostris . . . persolutum existerat: Necnon tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios dictæ monete in augmentum nostri centalis plus quam viginti prius persolverunt; extendentes annuatim ad summam quatuor marcarum temporibus futuris, ad duos anni terminos, festa videlicet Penthecostes et Sancti martini in hyeme, per equales porciones, nomine feodifirme distribuendam, domino Willhelmo Drummondo sacriste diete ecclesie cathedralis et suis successoribus sacristis ejusdem . . . Reservatis tamen nobis decano, capitulo, et successoribus nostris, necnon prefato reuerendo patri, et suis successoribus Episcopis Dunblanensibus, ac etiam presbiteris, civibus et incolis civitatis Dunblanensis, et omnibus inhabitantibus eandem, et infra eandem, communibus et liberis introitu et exitu ac passagio, viis sufficientibus in longitudine et latitudine, absque obstaculo et impedimento quibuscunque, pro predictis terris, ad vehendum et ducendum, per bigas, trahas, seu vulgariter vovis et curtis, fœcalia, videlicet, petis, turffis, laddir, lapides, ligna, lie, duffietis, falis, et quecumque alia pondera portabilia ad civitatem Dunblanensem, seu alibi, ubi opus fuerit, ad eorum libitum . . . In cuius rei testimonium, sigillum commune dicti nostri capituli ac sigillum rotundum prefati reuerendi patris, in signum sui consensus, vicem nostris subscriptionibus manibus, presentibus sunt appensa, apud civitatem Dunblanensem, die vicesimo tertio mensis Martii, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo nono, coram his testibus, Magistro Malcolmo Cleish, imp. Willhelmo Baskwell.

JACOBUS KENNYDY Chancellarius Dunblanensis.

JACOBUS WILSON Rector de Glendoun.

WILLELMUS Episcopus  
Dunblanensis.

JOHANNES HAMILTON Preb. clarius de Kippou

GEORGIUS WAWANE Archidiaconus Dunblanensis.

JACOBUS BASKWEL Subdecanus Dunblanensis.

[*Dorso.*] Producta 12 Junii 1556 coram Andrea Episcopo Dunblanensi.

GRANT by John Hammiltoun of Pardoway, with consent of his curators, to James Strindling of the Keir, of the ward of Balkingdrochit, 7th May 1550.

180. BE it kend till all men be tillir present letteris, me, John Hammiltoun of Pardoway, with will and consent of John Colquhoun, of Lwss, and James James Colquhoun, of Lwss, my curators, my vylite and proof it able schene, in manner following, That becomss ane honorable man, James Strindling of the Keir, havand the ward now



entres of the landis of Pardowy, and the lordschip of the samyn, togidder with my mariage, and dewbling of my tochtir, be resoun that I mariat, by the avis of the said James, superior of the saidis landis and lordschip of Pardowy, hes infest and entrit me to the foirsaidis landis and lordschip of the samyn be particular preceptis for saisine, as air to my vnguhile fader, gude-schire, grantschire, and foirgrantschire, and hes remittit to me the profit that he mycht haue had of my mariage, and dowbling tharof, with the profit of certane ward landis of Pardowy, induring my lessage, and is oblist to content and pay to me the somme of fyfe hundreth markis, gude and vsuale money of Scotland, and sikelike is oblist to warrand and relife me of the zeirlic sustentation of the airis of Ballindrocht as at mair lenth is contentit in ane contract maid betwix the said James and me, with consent of my saidis curatouris, off the dait, at Coshler, the last day of Nouember, the zeir of God 17 V. and fourty nyne zeris: Thairfor, and for the cawsis afoir expremit, I, with consent of my saidis curatouris, hes giffin, grantit and disponit, and be the tennour of thir presentis, giffis, grantis and disponis to the said James Strueling of the Keir, his airis and assignais, the ward, relife, and non-entres of fyfe pund land of Balkindrocht, fyfe pund land of Hlawstoun, fyfe pund land of Bloquharne and Boghowss, and the fyfe pund land of Bailball and Kirktoon, with the pertinentis, quhilk pertentit to vnguhile Andrew Strueling of Ballindrocht, heretabillie baklin be hyin of vnguhile Alane Hammiltoun of B. shewin, my fader, bond within the shirefdom of Strueling, and pertenant to me throw the decess of the said vnguhile Andrew: Togidder with the mariage and nringes of Janet and Marioun Struelingis, dochteris and airis to the said vnguhile Andrew, or any ither air or airis, maill or famell, that sal happin to succede to the said vnguhile Andrew . . . In witness herof, I haue subscriit thir presentis with my hand, togidder with the subscriptouris manualis of my saidis curatouris, in takin of thair consentis hereto, and hes affixit our selis to this samyn, at Glasgow, the seuint day of Maie, the zeir of God 17 V. and fyfty zeris, befor thir witnes, William Menteith, William Strueling, David Watson, Maister Johne Hammiltoun.

JHONE HAMILTON of Bardowe

JHON COLQUHON of Luss.

MASTER JAMES COLQUHON Parson of Luss.

DECREE ARBITRAL by William [Chisholme] Bishop of Dunblane, between James Strueling of the Keir and Robert Calbreth, 7th May 1551.

181. At Edinburgh, the vii day of Maie, the zeir of God 17 V. and fifty one zeris. It is appoynted aggreit and finalle concordit betwix honorable men James Strueling of the



Keir on that one part, and Robert Calbreth, cessionar and assignay to vnaquhill Maister Robert Calbreth, person of Spot, on that uther part, of the malis, fermes, profitis and deweteis of the landis and manis of Bollindrocht, the landis of Hawistoun, the landis of Blopharrie, the landis of Bankell, Kirkcraue of Bollindrocht, with the millin thairof, the landis of Boghows, with the millinis, dischorgis, tenementis and tenementis of the samyn: Auent the rycht of the samyn of the Witsenday terme in the air last birast, and all rycht, titill of rycht, that the said Robert hes or may haue for the foirsaidis landis and gift thairof, and all termes following the said Witsenday terme: bayth the saidis parties reformat thame to the ordinaus and decreit of our reuerend father in God, William Bisshop of Dunblane, quhag accepit the said mater apoun hym; and decernis and decreitis that the said Robert sall renounce and ourgiff all rycht and titill of rycht, petiteur and possesseur, that he hes or may haue, be resson of the said gift of the foirsaidis landis, in fauour of the said James Strueling and his airis, to the effect that the said James Strueling and his airis intromitt wyth all fermes, malis, profitis and deweteis of the saidis landis of the Witsenday terme, and all termes following, frelie, wythout any molestation of the said Robert or any vtheris: For the quhillis the said James Strueling of the Keir sall content and pay to the said Robert the somme of ix seoir markis vsmall money of Scotland, that is to say, fife seoir markis betuix this and the xv day of Mai instant, and four seoir markis betuix that and the terme of Martines nixt thairefter, in full and complet payment of the saidis ix seoir markis: And ordinis gif the said Robert hes tane vp ony malis or deweteis of the saidis landis for the last Witsenday terme, the samyn sall be allowit to hym in quyt of payment of the last four seoir markis so far as the samyn sall reik to; and reseruis to the said Robert his actionis and rycht that he hes contrar the tenentis and possessoris of the saidis landis of all malis and deweteis awant to hym befor the said last terme of Witsenday, to call and persew thame befor any iure or iuris as the said Robert thinks expedient: And this we pronounce and for final sentence geifis: In witness herof we haue subscriuit thir presentis, day, zair and place foirsaidis, befor thir witness, James Cheisholme of Cromilkis, Maister James Kenely Chancellor of Dunblane, John Morisoun and vtheris divers.

*William Bishop  
of Dunblane*



LETTER OF REVERSION by William [Chisholm] Bishop of Dunblane and Helen Struveling  
to James Struveling of the Keir, of the lands of Beirholme, 1552.

182. To all and sundry quhome it efteris quhairs knowlege thir present letteris sall cum, William, be the mereie of God Bischop of Dunblane and Elene Struveling dochtir fowbergettin to ane honorable man James Struveling of the Keir, Greeting in God euerlasting. Wit zour universiteis, that albeit ane honorable man, the said James Struveling of the Keir, hes saild and anallit till vs the said reverend fader in franktenement or lifrent, for all the daies of our liftime, and to me the said Elene in fe and heretage, and to my airis and assignis quhatsumair, and that for the luf and favour that the said reverend fader hes towardt me the said Elene, and for ane certain sowme of money be him paid and deliverit aforehand to the said James Struveling my fader, all and hail his three mark land of Beirholme, with the pertinentis, land within the shirefdome of Perth, and barony of Keir, be annexatioun and incorporatioun, like as the charter and evidendis maid to vs be the said James Struveling thairforour maie fullie be propertis: Neuertheles we the said reverend fader, and I the said Elene Struveling in personne, and with consent of Maister James Kennedy, Cancellor of Dunblane, my tuteur, gevin to me in judgement, as the act maid thairquene propertis, will and grants and lelelie and trellie bindis and obligis vs, the said reverend fader franktenementar of the saidis landis, and me the said Elene fear of the saidin, my airis and assignis, be the fayth and treuth in our boveis, that quhat tyme or hoorsone it sal happine the said James Struveling his airis or assignis, spene forty daies warning of befor, othir personlie or at our duelling place, or at our perochie kirk in tyme of hie mess vpon ane solempne day, quinie to warne vs the said reverend fader franktenementar of the saidis landis, and efter our decess me the said Elene, my tuteurs, curatours, airis, or assignis, to cum to the Cathedrall kirk of Dunblane and thair vpon our Ladie altare situate within the saidin, vpon ane day, betwix the sun rising and toganging of that ilk, contentis and paid to vs the said reverend fader, franktenementar of the saidis landis during our liftyme, and efter our decess, to me the said Elene Struveling, heretour of the saidis landis, my tuteurs, curatours, airis or assignis, the sowme of thre hundreth pundis gude and vsuall money of this realme, togidder in ane hail sowme numerat and tauld money: in that endis we the said reverend fader, and I the said Elene Struveling my tuteurs, curatours, airis or assignis, quhilkis of vs the said reverend fader during our liftyme, and me the said Elene my tuteurs, curatours, airis or assignis that beis warrit and boundis to reassene the said sowme sall othir personlie, or be our lawful procurour perochie and simple





renunce resigne, quitclame and ourgif in the said James Struelinges handis his airis or assignais, all and hail the saidis landis of Beirholme with the pertinentis, togidder with chartir, sesine, and all other evidentis maid and givin to vs thairupone, with all rycht, titill of richt, petitiore, possessour, clame, propiortie and possessionne quhilkis in and to the saidis landis we haue, hes or may haue in tyme to cum . . . . In witness of the quhilk thing to thir present letteris of reversionne, subscriit be vs the said reuerend fader, and be the hand of the said Maister James Kennedy, tutour to me the said Elene, our propir seillis ar appendit, at Dunblane, the . . . . day of . . . . the zeir of God, one thousand five hundredth and fiftieth zeiris, befor thir witness, Schir Williame Blakwed, Andro Blakwed, Nikke Baxter, Johne Mahtre

WILLIAM, Bischop          JAMES KENNEDY,  
of Dunblane.          Chancellor of Dunblan.

**LETTER of REVERSION** by William [Chisholme] Bishop of Dunblane and Jane Strueling, to James Strueling of the Keir, of the lands of Kippendavy, 1554.

182. To all and sindrie quhome it offeris quhais knowlege thir present letteris sall cum. Williame, be the mercie of God Bischop of Dunblane, and Jayne Strueling, dochtir fowhegottin to ane honorable man James Strueling of the Keir, Greeting in God ever-lasting: Wit your vniuersiteis, that albeit the said James Strueling of the Keir, hes sauld and annellit till vs, the said Reuerend fader in franktenement or lifrent for all the daies of our liftime, and to me the said Jayne, his dchtir, in fee and heretage, and to my airis quhatsumever, and that for the luf and fauour that the said reuerend fader hes towart me the said Jayne, and for ane certune somme of money be him pait and deliuerit afoirhand to the said James Strueling my fader: All and hail his landis of Kippendavy, with thair pertinentis, liand within the shire-dome of Perth, likeas the charter and evidentes maid till vs be the said James thairupone mair falllelie propertis; Neuirtheles we the said reuerend fader, and I the said Jayne Strueling in persone, and with consent of Robert Lermouth, cietnar of Dunblane, my tutour, givin to me in iugement, as the act maid thairupone propertis, will and grantis, and lelelie and trewlie bindis and oblis vs the said reuerend fader, franktenementar of the saidis landis, and me the said Jayne, fear of the samin, my airis and assignais, be the fyrt and treuth in our bodeis, that quhat tyme or howsone it sallhappin the said James Strueling, his airis or assignais, vpon forty daies warning of us or other personallie, or at our duelling place, or at our parochie kirk in tyme of life mess vpon ane solempne day, openlie to warne vs the said reuerend fader franktenementar of the foirsaidis



landis; and eftir our decess, me the said Jayne, my tutouris, curatouris, airis or assignais, to cum to the Cathedrall kirk of Dunblane, and thair vpon our Lady altare, situate within the samin, vpon one day betuix the sone rising and to ganging of that ilk, contentis and pois to vs the said reuerend fader, franktenementis fairsaid, during our liftyme, and eftir our deces to me the said Jayne Striueling heretour of the saidis landis, my tutouris, curatouris, airis or assignais, the sowme of one thousand markis guld and vsuale money of this realm togidder, in one haill sowing, numerat and tauld money: in that cais, we the said reuerend fader, and I the said Jayne Striueling my tutouris, curatouris, airis or assignais that heis warrant and laquis to ressume the fairsaid sowme, sell other personalie, or be our lawfulfull procuratour, purely and simple, renunce, resigne, quitchane and ourgeve in the said James Striuelingis handis, his airis or assignais, all and haill the saidis landis of Kippendavy, with thair pertinentes, togidder with charter, sesyng, and all other evidendis myd and gevin till us thairvpon, and with all rycht, titill of right, petitoun, possessour, chance, properte and possession quhilkis in and to the fairsaidis landis, with the pertinentis, we have, hos, or may have in tyme to cum . . . . In witness of the pablik thing, to thir present letteris of reuerensoun subscriuit be vs the said reuerend fader and be the hand of the said Robert Lermouth, tutour to me the said Jayne, our propir seillis or appendit, at Dunblane, the day of . . . . in the zere of God 17. V7. and ourour zeiris, befor thair witness.

WILLIAME, Bischop of Dunblane.

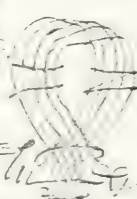
ROBERT LERMOUTH, with my hand.

CONFIRMATION by the Depute of Archibald Earl of Argyll, Justice-General of Scotland, of a charter of the Baring of Keir, in favour of the deceased John Striueling of Keir, 28th May 1553.

184. JOANNES CAMPBELL de Lundy, miles, Justiciarius Deputatus nobilis et potentis domini, Archibaldi Comitis Ergadie, Doumli Campbell et Loene etc., Justiciarii Generalis supremi, domine nostre Regine totius regni sui vbi libet constituit: vniuersis et singulis ad quorum potestas presentes littere peruenierint. Salutem. Sciatis quod comparuit coram nobis, in curia iuribus Justicie dicte supreme domine nostre Regine vicecomitatus de Perth, tunc et inchoata in pretorio burgi de Perth, vicesimo octavo die mensis Maii, anno domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo tertio, Jacobus Striueling de Keir, et ibidem ostendit et certum, factum per quendam nobilissimum principem Jacobum quartum Dei gratia Scotiarum regem, quondam Joanni Striueling de Keir, patri dicti Jacobi, de omnibus et singulis tenore subscripto. Scilicet de Keir,



cum turre et manerio, molenis fullonum et granorum, et lie cruvis earundem, terris de Lupnow, cum piscariis earundem, terris de Strowe, cum molendino earundem, terris de Dawachlowname, terris de Reterne Striueling alias Coygis de Strathalloun, nominatis Classingallis, Schanrow, le Westir Coyg, le Welcoyg, Bereholme, le Litilcoyg, le Wais-poffill, cum molendino de Coygis, et terris de Glenty, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, tenentibus, tenandis, et liberetenentium scripsiis, assignatione et donatione capellaniarum et hermitage de Lupnow, jacentibus intra vicecomitatum de Perth, vniuersis, creatis, annexatis et incorporatis in vnam meram et liberam baroniam, perpetuis futuris temporibus, Baroniam de Keir nuncupandam: et tenendam in libera albe firma qualitercunque temporibus retroactis tunc fuerint: reddendo inde annuatim dictus Joannes Striueling et heredes sui in dicta carta contenti prefato quondam Jacobo regi et suis successoribus, vnum par calcarium deauratorum apud dictam turrem de Keir, in festo Penthecostis, nomine albe firme si petatur tantum: prout in dicta carta, de data apud Edinburgh, decimo die mensis Septembris, anno domini millesimo quingentesimo tertio, et regni dicti Regis decimo sexto, latius continetur. Quam pulem cartam de mandato nostro in iudicio, perlectam et examinatam, aliussumus, ac omnia et singula in eadem contenta, ratificamus et approbamus. In cujus rei testimonium presentibus, manu Magistri Joannis Bellenden de Auchmoule, clerici iusticiarie dicte supren. domine nostre regine generalis, subscriptis, Sigillum officii iusticiarie est appensum, anno, die, mense, et loco, prescriptis.

*Joannes Bellenden*  
*Jacobi iusticiarii,*  


Seal: On a Shield the Royal Lion of Scotland within a double tressure flory counterflory, surmounted by an Imperial Crown: Circumscription: Sigil. Ivsti.  
 S.D.N. Regi. Ex. Par. Ber. Ap. de For.

INSTRUMENT of ASSIGNATION by William Earl of Moutros, to James Striueling of Keir, of all right of action he had against the tenants of Biquharraigis, 9th May 1554.

185. B. Dei nomine, Amen. Per hoc preens publicum Instrumentum cunctis patent





evidenter, quod Anno Incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo quarto, mensis vero Maii die nona, indictione duodecima, pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Julii divina providentia pape tertii, anno quinto: In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentis, pers. iudice consilium nobilis et potens dominus, Willelmus Comes de Montros, Dominus Godefridus, non vi aut metu ductus, nec errore lapsus, aut aliqua sinistra inclinatione circumventus, sed ex eius spontanea voluntate, ut apparet; omnibus nobilibus iure, viz. jure, causa et forma quibus melius et efficacius potuit et debuit, potestatem et debet fecit, constituit, creavit, nominavit et solemniter ordinavit prout tenore presentis publici instrumenti, fecit, constituit, creavit, nominavit et solemniter ordinat honorabili virum, Jacobum Struelling de Keir, suum verum legitimum, indubitatum et irreversibilem cessionarium, datarium et assignatum, in et ad actionem siue causam quam ipse dominus comes habet et tenere potest contra tenentes et occupatores terrarum de Boquillarragis, Jacentinum infra vicecomitatum de Struelling, et comitatum de Levenox, pro violente occupatione huiusmodi terrarum, a festo penthecostes vltimo post datam presentium clausuram transferendo et transportando omne jus suum et juris titulum, quod semper habuit, seu habere poterit in futurum, in et ad huiusmodi causam siue actionem, et quo-cunque summas eo iure recuperandas, in memoratum Jacobum et suos heredes, succedendo et substituendo omnibus suisque heredibus in locum suum tamquam in rem propriam. Dans et concedens eisdem suam plenariam potestatem, tenentes et occupatores seu eorum aliquem, prout sibi videbitur expedire, pro portione iniusta et violenta occupatione et possessione terrarum prescriptarum, etiam quibuscunque feudis et emphyteutibus, conveniendi prosequendique, cum fructibus recuperandi, immutandi plenarie disponendi, componendi, quietedamandi, exoneraudi, extorquendi omnia in premissis necessaria faciendi, gerendi et exercendi que in premissis necessaria fuerint, in vberiori forma, et secundum tenorem et formam anticham scripti huius et promissum per honorabiles viros, Magistrum Johannem Bullenden de Audhewyll, et Magistrum Jacobum Makgill, burgensem de Edinburch, inter auctoritates nobilem dominum et Jacobum dominum de Keir: Preterea ipse nobilis dominus comes et singulis separatim terras de Boquillarragis, cum suis pertinentiis, in manibus predicti Jacobi Struelling, tamquam in manibus domini superioris erigendum tenendum, per fustum et baculum, ad perpetuum remanentiam, suorum reddituum et pensionum simpliciter resignavit: Super quibus omnibus et singulis, prefatus Jacobus Struelling dominus de Keir a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri potuit instrumentum seu instrumentum. Acta erunt hec infra locum dicti nobilis domini de Kinross, huiusmodi die post meridiem vel occiduum. Presentibus Willelmo Struelling fratre germano Jacobi Struelling



de Keyr, Jacobo Grahame in Duchaly, Duncan Forester, testibus rogatis et requisitis ad premissa.

Et ego Wilhelmus Blakwod Dunblanensis diocesis presbyter, sacra autoritate apostolica, Notarius publicus, etc.

WILLELMUS BLAKWOD Notarius Publicus.

OBLIGATION by Walter Grahame to James Strivling of the Keir, 30th April 1556

156. BE it kend till all men be thir present letteris, me Walter Grahame : That forsamuch as ane right honorabill man, James Strivling of the Keir, has honorabillly infert me and Margaret Strivling his sister, my spouse, be charter and sesing, in all and hayll his five merkis worth of land of Breckland Kyloch of auld extent, now occupit be McCrever, and \_\_\_\_\_, land within the Stewertry of Monteith and Shireffdom of Perth, to be holdin of our souerane holiy the quenis grace and hir successouris : Herefor I byndis and oblis me, myne airis and assignis, to get and optene in all gudely haist, our souerane holiis confirmatioun upon the said James charter of alienation maid to me and the said Margeret my spouse, in and upon all and hayll the forsaid five merkis werthe of land : and als sell optene bringe home and deliuer to the said James his airis or assignis, ane sufficient letter of regress for redemption and outpaiting of the saidis landis fra the saidis Walter and Margeret, efter the forme and tenor of thair letteris of reuerstoun geuen to me thairpoun : and als byndis and oblis me to sell and subscribe the saidis letteris of reuerstoun, and to cause my said spouse sell and subscribe the samyn : In witness hereof I haif subscribed this my obligation with my hand at the pen of the Noter underwritin, at Dunblane, the last day of Aprile, the zero of God 1<sup>st</sup> V<sup>e</sup> and fifty sex zeis, befor witnes, ane honorabill man William Strivling of Ardoch, Schir Andro Lauder, and Schir Alexander Andersone, Cheplennis of the Queir of Dunblane.

WALTER GRAHAME with my hand at the pen of Robert Lermouth Notar publicus  
Ita est Robertus Lermouth Notarius Publicus manu propria.

TACK by William [Chisholme] Bishop of Dunblane and the Chapter, to James Chisholme, spouse to James Strivling of the Keir, of the teinds of the lands of Rathernis, &c. 12th May 1557.

157. BE it kend till all men be thir present letteris, Vs William, be the merite of God Bischop of Dunblane, with expres consent and assent of the cheptour of our cathedrall



kirk of Dunblane, cheptourlie gadderit, mature deliberatioun thairupone proceeding, the vtilite and profit of vs and our successouris preiudit and considerit, to haue sett and in asselatiounne latrin . . . to ane honorable gentill woman, Jayne Cheisholme spous moderne to ane nobill man, James Struelling of the Keir, and to the said James, and ane air gottin or to be gottin betuik thame, and to the laigest leuar of thame, for all the dais and zeiris of their liftymes: quhilk air followand and necht succeedand to the said James efter him, to ane air quidamsunair immediatlie succeedand to the said James, for all the dais and zeiris of the said air's liftyme alane: quhilk followand to retorne to vs and our successouris: all and hail our tounschis of the landis and townes of Rathernis, Buchaldy, Ouer Keir, Auld Keir, Cammelbank, Reddbrecht, Mylbankis, Forcster landis, Edmond's landis, Mossland and all and sundrie outsettis, pendiclis, and pertinentis of the said landis, land within the parochie of Dunblane: for all the dais of their liftymes successiue as is abone expremit, their entres thairto begynnand at the day of the dair of thir presentis: To be holdin . . . of vs and our successouris, and the samyn to be led, set, vsit and disposit be thame and ilkane of thame respectiue et successiue as thai sall thiuk maist expedient: Payand zeirlic thairfor . . . to vs and our successouris, forty pundis gude and vsuale money of Scotland, at tua termes in the zeir, Candilmas and Midsummer, be equall portionis albanerlie . . . In witness of the quhilk to this present asselatioun, contenand our precept of sasine thairinall, subscriit be vs and our cheptour, our round seill, togidder with the common seill of our cheptour ar appendit, at Dunblane, the twelft day of Maii, the zeir of God aue thousand five hundreth and fifty seven zeiris, befor thair viues, Schirris Williame Blakwod, Johanne Lermouth chaplanis.

W. Bischop of Dablane.

M. ROGERUS GORDON Decanus Dunblanensis.

M. JAMES KENNEDY Chancellor of Dunblan.

M. WILLELMUS MURRAY Thesaurarius Dunblanensis.

DNS. EDMUNDUS CHEISHOLME Subdecanus Dunblanensis.

ANDREAS STREETENRY Prebendarius de Moray.

JOHANNES FORREAR Canonicius Dunblanensis.

GUILLELMUS SCHAW Canonicius Dunblanensis.

GRANT by Queen Mary to James Struelling of Keir, and Janet Cheisholme his spouse, of the half lands of Inverculloun, 21st December 1557.

188. MARIA, Dei gratia Regina Sceptorum, dilecto nostro consanguineo, Alexandro Domino Hume, superiori dimissionis terrarum subscriptarum, Salutem: Quia simulacionem totarum



et integrarum terrarum de Inneralloun, cum dimidio molendini, terrarum molendinariarum, et dimidio piscationis eiusdem super aqua de Forth, jacentium infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Stridling, quod quondam Johanni Hume de Hattonhall sue vite tempore hereditarie pertinuit, per ipsum de te, dicto nostro consanguineo, immediato tentum, jam in manibus nostris devenit, et nobis ratione esultante, per privilegium nostre corone ac iura regni nostri pertinet: ratione quod dictus quondam Johannes Hume bastardus natus fuerat, bastardusque decessit absque legitimis heredibus de corpore suo procreatis, et absque legitima dispositione, per ipsam in vite sue tempore facti de suis terris et bonis predictis: Et nos volentes quod in, prefatus noster consanguineus, in tua superioritate dictarum dimidiarum terrarum, dimidii molendini et dimidii piscationis de Inneralloun cum pertinentiis minime lesus sis, nec quod nullum prejudicium tibi in eisdem generetur: dilectos nostros Jacobum Stridling de Keir et Jonstam Cholsholme suam sponsam, in tenentes tibi eandem tenore presentium presentantes: te, dictum nostrum consanguineum requirentes, eos et eorum alterum diutius viventem in conjuncta infeodatione, et heredes inter ipsos legitime procreatos seu procreandos, quibus deficientibus heredes dicti Jacobi quoscunque, in totis et integris predictis dimidiis terris de Inneralloun, dimidio molendini, terris molendinariis, et hic suken huiusmodi, ac mulieris eiusdem, vineam dimidio piscationis eandem super dicta aqua de Forth, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, per eorundem et sasnam in debita forma hereditarie infeodare, de te dicto nostro consanguineo et heredibus tuis, simili modo et talem libere tenendis, ac si memoratus quondam Johannes Hume eandem ante illius decessum tenebat: Et presentes literas, per te visos et intellectos, eandem latori reddas. Datum sub testamento nostri magni sigilli apud Edinburgiam, vicesimo primo die mensis Decembris, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo septimo, et regni nostri decimo sexto.

Per signaturam manu regine regentis subscriptam.

DISCHARGE by James Campbell, son and heir of umquhile Dougal Campbell of Blairweck, and his curators, to Sir George Wauane, Archdeacon of Dunblane, 19th February 1557.

159. I JAMES CAMPBELL, sone and air of umquhile Dowgall Campbell of Blairweck, with consent and assent of Colline Campbell of Arellinglas, and Maister Johne Spens, of Condyne, my curators, for their interest, be thair presentis grants me to beif passand fra the handis of the Lawfull man William Mureth, in name and behall of Scler George Wauane, Archid. of Dunblane, the soun of fourtene scot and ten markis





vsuale money of this realme, quhilk was consigned in the said Archidane's handis to ane honorabill man, James Strueling of Keir, in the Cathedral kirk of Dunblane, vpon the twentye thre day of Maie, the zeir of God 1560 and fyftie sex zeiris, for redemption of the fyfe mark land of Drouge, Balfour, and fyftie schilling land of Bray of Boquhopill, fra me the said James Campbell, as air to my said vngubill fader; of the quhilk soume of fouertene scot and ten markis money fairsaid, payit and deliuerit to me, in name and behalf aboue wrytten, for the causeis aboue expressit, I, wyth consent of my saidis curatouris, haddis me well content and thankfull payit in moneir and tauld money, and be the tenour heirof, wyth consent fairsaid, exoneris, quitchanis and discheirgis the said Williame, in name and behalf fairsaid, the said Schir George Wauane, Archidane fairsaid, his airis, executouris, assignais, and all otheris euekome it effeiris, of the samyn for now and euir: be this present acquittance, subscriuit wyth my hand, and wyth the handis of my saidis curatouris, in token of thair consent and assent fairsaid, at Strueling, the nyntene day of Februar, the zeir of God one thousand fyf hundredth and fyftie sevin zeiris, befor thair witness, Duncan Forrester, Thomas Harte, burges of Strueling, and Johane Grahame of Bailindrane, notar publick, wyth vtheis diuersis, with David Watsons.

COLIN CAMPBELL, Arkynghloss.

JAMES CAMPBELL of Blairdoke.

M. Jo. SPENS.

ACCOUNT of the Families of Leny of Leny, and Buchanan of Leny, sent by Robert Buchanan of Leny to the Laird of Keir, circa 1560.

190. ANE schort information concerning the antiquitie and genealogie of the hous of Leny, namlie, sen the first Buchanan brukit thay land. I thoecht it necessary to let sic nobill men and freindis know the same: and that becaus my compellment, the Laird of Keir, visis to say to sindry honest men quhom wirhe he communicates and speikis of my effaris, tuelking maters in debait betuix him and me, that I am bot ane sobir fallow of base degre knowing bot may or tane fallowis of my kin, as he wald say. He regards necht my kyndnes, nor zit my vukyndnes, bot esteimes thaim bayt to me small effect. Thairfor I thoecht it guld to let the matter be ythirways knowin, quhowbeit the heus and leving be brokin at the plesour of God, his fathir and himself being the instrumentis thairof: zit the freindis of the hous ar necht deceit, prysit be God, bot ar abill to reuerd thair freind and thair unfreind as thay deserve at thair hand.

And to win furder quhat gentill men and barons the hous of Leny is comit of, and quhat race of gentillmen comit of it, I will do my diligence to schaw sum of baythe, efter my vnderstanding.



I find in the beginning, the Lanyis of that ilk has breukit that levying without any infestment, except one hill and some gain to Gillespievir be the King, and one and all relief callit Sant Fillanis mitho, quibilk servit thaim for thair charour quibilk Alexander his dayis; and than one Allan Lany, blythir son to the Laird of Lany, married the Laird his dochter, and obtainit the best infestment of the handis of Lany frae the Kingis handis, quibilk charour servit thaim quibilk King James the First dayis, and than Johne Buchquhannane, second sone to the Laird of Buchquhannane, married one Jonat Lany heritorix of that ilk, and bewir to him sons and dochteris. This Johne Buchquhannane was the Laird of Glenarnack dochteris sone. This Jonat Lany that was heritor wald have his hairis callit Lanyis be his name, bot they wer never confirmit soe in parliament, nocht the les mery of the surname ar callit kithane Lanyis be the common people, bot nocht in evidents or writtis. Bot exactly we ar writtin buchquhannans alias Lany, except the principalls, quhay ar writtin Buchquhannane of Lany.

This Johnis eldest sone was callit Andrew, quhay mareit one gentill woman callit Marian Lokart, dochter to the Laird of Ber, and one Lord Drummondis dochter his mythir, quhairthrow this house of Lany gat greit kyndnes of one Lord Drummondis hous, and standis to this day.

This Johne Buchquhannans eldest dochter was mareit vpon the Laird Melchardis, of hir has come the principall rage of that surname.

This John obtainit the best infestment at King James, the first hand to Andrew his sone, quibilk is one thir charour to this, tillking his drits mull, to the laus of Buchquhannane. This Andrew had one brother quhay was the first Buchquhannane in Achinty, quha eft is comit the Buchquhannanes of Stoddare and Kamsie. This Andrew had six or seven sons. His eldest sone was callit Johne, and marrit the Laird Muschetis dochter, quhay bare to him sons and dochteris. One of his dochteris wes mareit vpon the Laird of Garwick, Grahame, quhaird ar comit many guid branses as the house of Dunerub, the house of Condy, and sindry vthir gentill men tharabout, quay keipis greit kyndnes to this day to the house of Lany. And vthir dochter wes mareit to the Laird of Darlethe lowest Lovin, quirof ar comit sindry guid branchis quhay keipis thair kyndnes to the house of Lany. This Johnis eldest sone was callit Robert, and he mareit the Laird of Glenogais dochter, and gat vpon hir sons and dochteris. This Johne Robertis father that had the many brothir, one eft thame was callit Waltir, and dwelt in Bapthistill, quhair his offspring ar zit well florid of skill men, and they ar callit Waltirs sons be the common people. Their principalls ar Johne and his sons, Waltir of Gleny, and Robert Ogle.



This Walthir had sindry doctirs wes mareit upon sindry gentillmen in the countrey, as the Stewartis in Bysadder, Mendithis, and Melkelchlinis, and Makgregouris callit Inconwitharis: of this doctir mareit upon Maklachlen com the Laird of Kippauress, and sindry vther branchis.

Ane vther breithir of Walthirs wes callit George. Ane vther, Dane Gilbert, Wiccar of Lany. Ane vther callit Watty, quhay wes Laird of Calincenzeis, sponsum of com Robert Roto and Watty Dogis barnis, the baroun Achyll, with sindry vther branchis. The race of this Wattie is callit Clan Watty to this day.

To conclude, all thir breithir hes a race comit of thame, and all thair maill kynd hold the Laird of Lany for thair chief, and so dois this Achylin, quhayis fathir wes oye to the Laird of Lanyis sone William, as is said befor, with all his maill race, quay ar guidly men.

This Robert that mareit Glenegis doctir, his eldest sone wes callit Patrik, and mareit the Laird of Foxdais doctir, Sempie, and she deld without ony maill childrin. This Patrik eftir hir decess mareit the Laird of Buchaphananes doctir: scho bair him ane sone and tway doctiris. His sone wes ane gud lyk man callit Walthir, and wes slane be ane sudden misfortune be David Schur, eftir that had been at ane curss of hunting stirc for ane ra. He wes vnnarrit and had not successioun, bot he had ane zering woman of his ayin sirname in Lantry, quhay wes his harte, quhen he deld of ane gentillmen callit Walthir Buchaphanane alias Lany, now duelland in Dunblane.

This Patrik had tway breithir; ane wes callit John, quhay wes baird in the wild of Flowden without successioun given in marige. The zoyngest breithir callit Robert, quhay mareit Marion Grahame, the Elde of Mearethis doctir: the laird of Buchaphananes doctir wes hir mother: the Lord Grahams doctir hir grandam, Lady Buchaphanane; the Lord Erskine's doctir hir vther grandam, Countess of Menteith.

To conclude, I Robert Buchaphanane of Lany that ringis now, sote to Robert and Marion Grahame: I am cheif of the auld family of Lany: quhaeit it is well known thair wes alatin knightis, and sautin lairdis, befor thay war surnamit Buchaphanane, as is tidly schawin in the tree of the house: and I am air maill and air of talaye to the first infitment that eair wes taen be ane Buchaphanane of the landis of Lany, quhowbeit my thirl to the heritage wes poxyalt be Patrik, my fathir befor, to my breithir callit John, quhay deld in Phuge wild quay wes infit in the hall leyng, the maist part in tyrent, as well as the lair in herage: and I now, as air to my breithir, thinkis my kyndnes to be hablin sumpart in effect, according to





the antiquity befor writin, quhilk thocht will remane in menis heiris ay quhill the present caiss be reconcillit.

And now I will retorne quhow Patrik Buchephausane had four doctres; tway be the first wyfe Hengill, quhay marrit thaimselfs be thair fatheris command; the quilk tway doctres the Laird of Keir got thair rights, be the quhilk rychtis he has his tytill to the landis of Lary, becaus thair our airis or lyin to thair fathir Patrik. The ythir tway doctres go upendis last wyff was marrit be thair father upon gentillmen, one callit Murray in Glenannan, quhome after cum quid succces of abillmen and ringis presently, all quid feodalls to the house of Lary. The ythir that was marrit to one Alexander Stewart quik naucht see quid succces.

This paper wes sent to the laird of Keir with the baroune Achyll.

CONTRACT between James Striueling of the Keir and James Kincaid of that ilk.  
22nd October 1561.

191. At Striueling, the twenty twa day of the moneth of October, the zeir of God 1<sup>st</sup> V<sup>th</sup> and sixty one zeris; It is appoyntit and aggreit betuix honorable personis, thair ar to say, James Striueling of the Keir on that one part, and James Kincaid of that ilk on that other part, in maner following, that is to say: Forsamokil as the said James Kincaidis forbeares and predecessoures has beyn tementes and fre wassellis to the lordis of Bardoren for the tym, of al and hail the landes of Kincaides and Kinkel, with the tower, mans, zerdes, millis, and withouth, withouris and sepaulis maid, with thair pertinents, extending to fyft pound land of old extent, liand within the shireffdom of Striueling, hablyn of thairn immediatlie in cheif for the payment of six pennis zeirlie in name of blanch allaurie, quilkis landes the saides lordes of Bardore hold immediatlie of the said James Striueling of the Keir, and quhill Jhon Striueling of the Keir his fader, for service of ward and relief: And now it is happynit that the said James Striueling of the Keir has convenit with Jhon Hammlitoun now of Bardowe, and hes satisfet him for his immediat superiourite and entres that he had of the saidis landes, quha resignit the samyn, with tennandis and tennandrie, and service of fre tennandes, puerlie and symplie be stat and baroun, in the handes of the said James Striueling of the Keir, as his inherait superior thairrof, in the speciall favourres of William Striueling of Bardowe, quha immediat thairgore infet the said William in the saides landes, with tennand and tennandrie and service of fre tennandes, to be hablin of him and his aires, als well as the said Jhon Hammlitoun of Bardowe hold the samyn of the said James of before: And now it is conwenit and thoct expedient



be bayth the saides parteis, for the eis and weil of thair bayth, that the said mediat superiorite quhilk now pertenis to the said William Strueling saibc erth and perpetuallie away tairn, swa that the said James Strueling of the Keir and his aires saibc oullie immediat superioris to the said James Kincaid and his aires of the forsaides landes, with towr, mans, zardes, millis, and milland, mwlteris thairof, with their pertinence, to be haldin of the said James Strueling in fre tenandrie, for service of ward and releif, als frelie as the said John Hamiltoun of Parburg held the samyn of his for, and with supplement of all faltes bigane. And for the completing thairof, the said James Strueling of the Keir binds and obligis him to caws the said William Strueling to resing the saides landes, with towr, mans, zardes, millis, myln land, mwlteris, sequelis and their pertinence, in his handes as superior thairof, ad perpetuum remanentiam, to the effect that he may infeit the said James Kincaid and his aires in all and hald the forsaides landes, with tower, mans, zardes, millis, myln land, mwlteris, sequelis and their pertinence, for service of ward and releif, in fre propietye perpetuallie, and with supplement of all faltes bigane: quhilk infeitment forsaid the said James Strueling of the Keir binds and obligis him and his aires to mak said subscriptie and deliver sufficientlie, in dew term, to the said James Kincaid and his aires in all possible haist, to be haldin of the said James Strueling and his aires in chief, for service of ward and releif: For the quhilk infeitment to be maid as said is, the said James Kincaid of that ilk sal instantlie efter resaving thairof renunce all other superiorities of the saides landes, towr, mans, zardes, millis, myln landes, mwlteris and sequelis thairof, with their pertinence, and obligis him and his aires to hold the samyn of the said James Strueling and his aires in maner abow expreik perpetuallie, and als sal renunce all evidentes maid to his forbearis now parteying to him of the saides landes, with all claime, rycht, titil of rycht that he may haif thairthrow in tyme coming for ever: And als the said James Strueling binds and obligis him and his aires to warrant the said James Kincaid and his aires at the handes of all other superiorities of the saides landes that may ask or claime rycht thairto: And attour the said William Strueling comperand personallie befor the said James Strueling of the Keir, superior forsaid, and resignit and wpgaif all and hald the saides landes, with the towr, mans, zardes, millis, myln landes, mwlteris and sequelis thairof, and their pertinence in his handes as superior thairof, for fulfilling of that part of this contract, be staf and bastoun purlie and symplie, ad perpetuum remanentiam for ever: And baith the saidis parteis beand personellie present, consentit to the asking and registering of this present contrak in the shiretis bukis of Strueling, haifand the strength of his decret, his auctorite interponit and executorialis *in pas herynroun in form as efforis*: In witness hereof



bayth the forsaides parteis, and the said William Strimeling for his part, hes subscribit thir presentes with thair awn handes, zeir day, and place forsaid, befor thair witness, Robert Forestar of Balquhain, Master Patrik Graham person of Kilmorye, Laik Strimeling, Duncane Forestar of Qwenis Hayeh, Jhon Strimeling in Strabock, Robert Kincaid, Patrik Adin in Birlston, and Master James Blayr, with Jhon Graham of Balldernane and James Oswald notaries publick with othreis diners.

JAMES STRIMELING of Keir.

JAMES KINCAID of that ilk.

WILLIAM STRIMELING of Balchliou.

OBLIGATION by Matthew Earl of Lennoxe, to James Strimeling of Keir, Knight,  
28th October 1566.

192. We Mathow Erle of Lennoxe, Lord Davilie, &c., understanding and befor remembre of the trewe and fychthille counsellis, helpis, service, and plesouris done to our darrest fadere, wunquhill Jame Erle of Lennoxe, be wunquhill Jame Strimeling of Keir Knycht, and to ourself in our minerte and bel age; and siofike, the guid mynd will and service of James Strimeling now of Keir, Knycht, toward us; and for the soume of sax hundred markis wusalle money instande payt and deliverit to us be the said James: We, for our self, our airis, exccutouris, and assignis, be this presentis byndis and oblis us and thame, and evergilkone of thame, fychthille, be the fych and trewth of our beddis; that we, nor none of thame, self move, succours, actionis or questionis befor quhatsonwer jugis, spirituall or temporalis, or intend any maner pley, in the lawe or by the lawe, aganis the said James Strimeling of Keir Knycht, his airis, exccutouris, or assignis, be worre of onye contrackis, doctis or obligacionis maid betwixe us and the said wunquhill Jame, or infautouris or bandis maid be him to us, gif ony wes; and lewis and renounces all byrren profettis thair of, bygone and to cum: Attour sell not pursue the self actionis, so longe and ay and quhill the said sowme be contentit and payt agane to the said James, be us or our successouris, quhill sowme being repayt to him, his airis or assignis agane, that we and our foresaidis be fre to call and persewe as we were befor the making of this presentis: Attour, we will and grantis that this our letteris salbe of als gude strenght and awallt, and of als effect, as the said contrackis, doctis, obligacionis, and infautouris laid bene particulare, singularlie and specialle nominat and expressit; becaus the said or wicertane to the said James: In witness hereof to this presentis subscribit with our hand our propir seill is affixt at Glasgow, the xxvij day of Octobere the zeir of God





M. Vc lxxj zeris, before thair vitnes, Mr. James Blair, Lowrance Nesbit, Robert Blair, James Striveling, Schir William Todd, and Alexander Burgille.

Hec est vera copia principalium litterarum, iniarum et tractarum inter prenominales preillastres personas, legitime examinata et scripta per aliam scribam, me aliis necessariis curis occupato, de verbo in verbum cum originali concordans, riteque collata per me.

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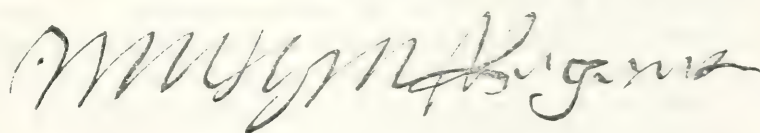
RATIFICATION by King James VI., with consent of the Roger Lennox, to James Striveling of Keir, Knight, and Janet Chisholme, his spouse, of their former gift of the Half Lands of Innerallboun, 4th February 1570.

193. JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis, to all and shalry oure jugos, ministeris of law, clerkis of oure chancellarie, officieris, lieges and subiectis quhatsumevir. Greeting, Forsamekle as that sen it is pervytle understand, to ws and oure derrest gud-fair, Marth Erle of Lennox, Lord Fernlye, &c. Tutor and Regent to ws, our realm, and lieges, that our lout James Striveling of Keir, Knyght, and Janet Chisholme his spouse, wer presentit be oure derrest M. len, beand the assentite for the tyme, be hir presentation vnder the testimoniall of the greit Seill, in immediat tenentis of the half landis of Innerallboun with the half of the mylne, mylne landis, and half fisching thair of upon the water of Forth, lyand within oure shireclenne of Strathclyde; thome becom in hir handis be the lawis of the realm, and privileg of the crowne, be possoun that trogubill Johnne Hume of Hutounhall, quhane the samyn person becomably in his tyme, was borne bastard, and deceisid bastard, without lawfull airis of his body, grein, or lawfull dispositioun maid be him thair of in his lytyme; to Alexander, Lord Hume, superiour thair of, requirung him to rescore the said James and Janet his spouse, and their airis, in immediat tenentis thair of, and to infett thome heretabillie thairin; as the saidis letteris of presentation, at maist lenth propertis: Evin so is it understand to ws and oure said derrest tutor and regent, that be vertue of the said presentation the saidis James and Janet his spouse has the just vnkennit right and title of the saidis half landis, half myln, myln landis, and half fisching thair of, with their pertinentis, albeit that as zit, (as we ar informit,) the said superiour has oblygt to infett thome thairin: And thairfor we and oure said derrest tutor and regent now willing that the saidis James and Janet be na langer frustrate nor delayit in obtaining her saidis intiment of the saidis half landis, half mylne, mylne landis, and half fisching with the pertinentis, according to the tenour of the said presentation; half grein, and ordinar, and be the tenour thair of grantis and ordinis, that be said presentation, shall rye half and rescore





sik full effect and execution, as gif the saidin wer direct in oure awin name, nochtwith-  
standing oure said derrest Moder, in quhais name the samyn is direct, be now deposit  
and We justlye and lauchfullie providit to oure crowne and auctorite of this realm:  
anent the quhilkis proceedingis thairvpone, we, with avise of oure said derrest tutor and  
regent, dispensis for us and oure successors be thir presentis: And in eais the said  
lord superiour forsaide refuse to obey and fulfill the said presentatioun and command  
thairof, thane and in that caiss, we now as thane, and thane as now, be thir presentis  
command and charge, with avise and consent forsaide, that ze oure clerkis of Chancel-  
larie direct preceptis and forder charges in oure name, aganis the said superiour, at the  
instance of the saidis James and Janet his spous, in dew forme of chancellarie, be the  
ordour thairof, for causing thame be heretabillie infett in the saidis half landis, half  
mylne, mylne landis, and half fisching, with the pertinentis, according to the tennour  
of the said presentatioun: and alsua that ze oure saidis Jugis gif thame proces, letteris  
and executioun visit and requisit in sik caisses thairvpone, siclik and als frelie in all  
respectis and conditionis, as gif the said presentatioun wer grantit and direct in oure  
name: Gevin vnder oure signet, and subscribit be oure said derrest regent, at Strin-  
eling the ferd day of Februare, and of oure regne the ferd zeir, 1570.



NOTARIAL INSTRUMENT at the instance of James Strickling of Keir against Alexander  
Lord Home, anent the lands of Innerallone, 9th Feb. 1570.

Apud Castellam Edinburgi, nono die mensis Februarii, anno Domini millesimo  
quingentesimo septuagesimo, annoque regni supremi domini nostri Regis, quarto,  
hora quasi dimediata quarte post meridiem, aut eo circa.

194. THE quibilk day, in presence of me notare publict and witnesses vnderwritin, comperit  
personalie James Strickling of Achile, procurator lauchfullie constitute for ane honor-  
able man, James Strickling of Keir knycht, quia past to the forzett of the Castell of  
Edinburgh, within the quibilk ane noble lord, Alexander Lord Home, superiour of the  
landis vnderwritin, hes his present dwelling and remaining, and thair requirit Johnne  
Raid, one of the porteris of the said castell and seruant to the Laird of Orange, now  
capitane thairof, to suffer and permit the said James, procurator forsaide, have en-  
terens within the said castell to the said Laird to the effect vnderwritin and to mak



advertissement thairof to the said Laird, quha past immediate and desyrin the said noble Lairdis answer thairupoun: to quhome the said Laird send his speciall sermand, Johne Craustoun, son to the gubernour of Thirskene Maide, to gif his answer vpon the samyn, quilk was that his Lord, as he was informit, wold nocht obey the presentatioun underwritin: Quhairfor the said procurator, send he wold nocht come nor approach the said noble Lairdis personale presence, he being within the said castill as said is, he thairfor, efter the forme and teneur of the letters of presentatioun abovert fureh of Chancellour in Oure Soverane Laidis regne, requirit his Lordship, in presence of his said familiare sermand, one notar publict and witnesses underwritin within the nearest forzeit of the said castill, to accept and resell the said James Strachling of Keir, and Jane Chesholme his spouse in tamentis to him or the heiris of Half Invercailoun . . . . . and to infeft thame in conuynent thairinall, and the airis lawfull gotten, or to be gotten betwix thame, quilkis failing to the said James, his heirs, assigneirs, he his Lordis charter and precept in due and competent forme, to be haldin of his Lord and his airis, schiefs and als heiris, as vnpayable Johne House of Hurnhall held the samyn of his Lord and his predecessors of before, conform to the saidis letters of presentatioun grantit to thame be our said soverane Laidis thairupoun, and letters of dispensatioun grantit now be our soverane Lord, with consent of his derrest gudesire, Mathew Erie of Leving, Laird thereof, your tuteur and regent to his grace, his reulane and legies, vpon the foresaid presentatioun, as the samyn subscrivit be his grace's derrest gudesire foresaid, and gevin vnder his hienes regene [sic. =] Lige Signet] at Sequehill, the first day of Februar, 1570, and of his grace's regene the first yir, and as the said Letter of procuratoris, presentit in our presence, in thame schesit our lenth propriis: And gif it of befor the said procurator requirit the said Johne Raid, your foresaid, to suffer and permit that also the notar publict and witnesses underwritin, occur in order within the said Castill to the said Lordis personale presence, to the effect foresaid, quha refusit our way to do the samyn, let constrainit the said procurator, one notar, and witnesses fursealis to depart and pass fureh at the said forzeit of the said Castill, and wald not sumer us to enter vnaill will againe: And thairfor the said procurator deliverit attentuik copies of the saidis letters of presentatioun and dispensatioun to Cristopher Fraule, sermand also to the said Laird, in presence of the said Johne Craustoun, sermand to the said Laird, quha resellit the samyn: And protestit solemnillie the forlar charges thairupoun and remeid of law: Quhairupoun he askit instruments one or more for our vnder writtins: This was done within the said forlar forzeit, and wairth the same day four, sches, and plene respective forseills, before this witnesses, Daniel Menbach, Daniel Ramsay,



seruandis to Johanne Meuteith of Kears, Cristopher Fruid, seruand to the said Lord, and the said Johanne Ruid, porter, witnessis requirit to the premissis.

Ita est Jacobus Hoppringile, notarius publicus in premissis requisitus, manu propria.

J. H.

CONTRACT between James Strineling of Keir, Knight, and Robert Hamiltone of Baghous, 4th November 1570.

195. At the place of Keir, the thairt day of November, the zeir of God IV V<sup>e</sup> thre score ten zeiris: It is appointit and finellie agreeit betwix honorable persones, viz., James Strineling of Keir knyght, on the one parte, and Robert Hamiltone of Baghous, on that vther part, in maner as eftir followis, that is to say, Forsamekle as the said James hes payed and deliuered to the said Robert the soume of one hundreth merkis vsuale money of this realme, at the making heirof, quhairfo he haddis him weill contentit, satisfeit, and payed, and thairfoir exoneris, quitelumis and dischargis the said James of the samyn for now and ever: thairfoir the said Robert hes resignit and ouergeuin, lyik as he this present, for him and his airis, purche and simple be staff and bastoun resignis and ouergeuis, all and haill the landis of Baghous, miln and milnlandis at Baldernok, with thair pertinentis, lyand in the shireffdomme of Strineling, in the handis of the said James and his airis, as superiouris thairfo, ad perpetuum remanentium: Zit neuirtheles the said James faythfullie promissis, that in eais the said Robert, within thre zeiris nixt efter the day and dait heirof, pay and redeliuer agane to him the foirnommit soume of one hundreth merkis, and als within the space thre zeiris gevis and deliueris to him and his airis one sufficient reuerfiohme maid in competent and dew forme, selir and subscribed be the said Robert, continand one certane soume of money to be modifeit be the Abbot of Kilwynnyng and . . . as for redemption and owtgutting of the saidis lands fra him, be the said James and his airis, conforme to one decreit arbitrall pronouncit and geuin be the Lordis of Counsall for redemptioun and owtgutting of the landis off Ballindroch, annaleit be vngaphill Thomas Galbraith, as the said decreit at nair lenth proportis, to entir and put the said Robert in the landis abone nennit, and he thane to haif full and free regres and ingres thairto, sieliyk as he had befoir the making of the said resignatioun: In witness of the quidit thing bayth the saidis parteis hes subscribed this present contract with thair handis, day, zeir and place foirsaidis, befoir thir witness, James Strineling in Strineling, James Strineling of Auchyill, Andre Schaw, Jhone Strineling, and Jhone Muschert, notar publick, with vtheris othirs.

ROBERT HAMILTON w<sup>th</sup> my hand.





The first of November 1579, Robert Hamilton maid this resignation, in the place of Kere, at viii hours befor noon, in the bestis handis, quha personelle ressaunt the samyn: quhairupon he askit instrumentis: Witness, James Sterling in Sterling, James Sterling of Auchyill, Jhone Sterling, Andro Schaw, and William McIlroy in the park of Keir.

J. MACHETT. Notarius.

PRESENTATION by Sir James Strindling of Keir, Knight, to James Strindling, his Son, of the Chaplainry of St. Mary, within the Cathedral Church of Dunblane, 20th December 1574.

196. BE it kend till all men be this present letteris, me Schir James Strindling of Keir, Knycht, vndoutit patrone of the Chaiplanrie or alterage vnderwritin, to half givin, grantit, and disposit, and be the tenour beirof, gevis, grantis, and disposit, to James Strindling my sone, all and hail the Chaiplanrie of oure Lady altare, samynye situate within the Cathedrall Kirk of Dunblane, with all landis, tenementis, and millis, fructis, rentis, emolumentis, and dewiteis quhatsumair pertaining or that rychtfulle may pertene thairto; to be possessit, bruikit, josit, intronetrat with, visit and disposit be the said James, for support of his interteiment at the schulis, according to the act of parliament maid thairupon; now vacant in my handis, and being at my disposition, throw aduairting and tynsail of the said Chaiplanrie, ipso facto, be Schir William Blackwood, last Chaiplane thairof, for his nonecomperance befor the Superintendent or Commissioner of the diocye, to gif his attestatioun of his feyth and belience to oure Soveraine Lord and his auctorite at the tyme, appointit be the act of parliament maid thairupon, as in the samin act maid thairanent at myr leuth is contenit; with speciall power and Warrant to the said James to vptak vse and dispane all and shuaris landis, annuallis, fructis, rentis, emolumentis, and dewiteis of the said Chaiplanrie, with all and shuaris commoditeis and frelomes thairof, frelie, quietlie, weil and in peax, but any rroueratioun, obstakill, imperilment or agane calling quhatsumair. Requiring beirof rycht humbly, the Lordis of Session to grant and direct, lateris in the foure termes and veteris necessir, for causing the said James, now Chaiplane of the said Chaiplanrie, [to quhilk he is] prouidit as said is, [to be] answerit, obeyit and payit of the saidis landis, annuallis, fructis, emolumentis and dewiteis thairof, conformis to the said act of parliament. In witnes of the quhilk thing, to this presentis subscriuit with my hand, my sell is affair, at the Keir, the twentieth day of December, the year of God 1574 One score and fourtene zeiris, befor thir witness, James Strindling of Auchyill Jhone Sterling

JAMES STERLING of Keir K.



CONTRACT between Sir James Strindling of Keir, Knight, and William Schaw of Knockhill, 21st May 1580.

197. At Strindling, the twenty one day of Maii, the zeir of God 1<sup>st</sup> V<sup>o</sup> lxxx zeiris: It is appointit beuix ane honorable man, Schir James Strindling of Keir kenecht, on the one part, and William Schaw of Knockhill, on the vther part, equall partioneris of the town and landis of Innerdilltown, liand within the shiretoun of Strindling: that forasmuch that it is understand be both the saidis parteis that the said town and landis was devydit of beuix, be mutuell consent of the said Schir James, and vnyquithly Andrie Schaw of Knockhill, father to the said William, be the space of thretty zeiris or thairty, and sensyn occupit (as devydit) be the saidis parteis, and thair tennentis in thair nameis, as the samin ar knawin to thame, mecht and morecht presentlie: Thairfor it is agreit beuix the saidis parteis that the said division stand in all tyneis coming (as landis devydit) ad perpetuum remanentiam, and thair infestmentis respecting to be effectual thairment: sailand that the said Schir James consentis and grantis, for him and his airis, that the said William and his airis sall beuix and jois perpetuallie the said Schir James part of the meadow of the saidis landis occupit presentlie be William Riche, tennent to the said Schir James, togidder with that portion of land of the saidis landis callit the Shireffis croft, now beuix in the said William Schawis possession. And heirto bayth the saidis parteis bindis and obassis thame to stand and abide, but reuocation or contradicteum, in tyneis coming. In witness whairto bayth the saidis parteis has subscriyvit this present contract and appointment, day, zeir and place foresaid, befoir thir witnes, James Schaw of Sawchye, Jhon Murray of Trenchardane, James Balfour of B.ghall, Maister William Strindling persone of Abertule, James Strindling his brother, and James Strindling of Auchyall.

JAMES SCHAW of Sawchye witnes.

JAS. STIRLING of Keir.

JHON MURRAY of Trenchardane witnes.

WILZAM SCHAW of Knockhill.

VILLIAME SCHAW witnes.

Maister WILLIAM STRINDLING witnes.

JAMES STRINDLING witnes.

JAMES STRINDLING of Auchyall witnes.

CONFIRMATION by the Honoure of Colin Earl of Argyll, Justice General of Scotland, of a Charter of the Barony of Keir in fauour of James Strindling of Keir and Archibald Strindling his son, 25th July 1582.

198. MAGISTER JOANNES GRAFME de Habsburgis, Jusciarius deputatus nobilis et potentis



domini, Colini Comitis Ergadie, Domini Canaball et Lorne Justiciarii Generalis supremi domini nostri Regis totius regni sui obliuio constituti, vniuersis et singulis ad quorum notitias presentes litere peruenierint. Salutem. Sciatis, quod comparuit coram me, in curia Justicie Supremi domini nostri Regis vicecomitatus de Perth, tunc in pectorio burgi de Perth, vicesimo quinto die mensis Julii, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo octuagesimo secundo, Jacobus Strindling de Keir, liberatenentarius tunc et subscriptum, pro se, ac nomine Archibaldi Strindling sui filii, de literis eundem, et ibidem ostendebat cartam factam per nobilissimum principem Jacobum sextum, Dei gratia Scotorum regem, dicto Archibaldo Strindling apertanti de Keir, de curiis et singulis terris subscriptis, viz., terris de Keir, cum agro cantario, molendinis fullonum, granorum, et de curiis eundem, terris de Kippawaue, terris de Laproch, cum piscariis eundem, terris de Strowie, cum molendinis eundem, terris de Dawchleyn, terris de Ratheran Strindling, alias Quiris de Strindlian, Clasingalls, Salaner, de Wester Coig, de Woll Coig, Beridme, de Little Coig, de West Potall, cum molendino de Colgis, ac terris de Glenry, cum treuillis, beuardiis, liberatenentum serui ciis eundem, advocacione, donacione capellanorum et hereditate hereditage de Japoun, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, iocundis infra vicecomitatum de Perth, vtiis, creatis, annexatis et incorporatis in unam mercam et liberam burgiam, perpetuis temporibus futuris, Baronem de Keir nancupandam, et tempore in illa alia vna, quilibet, cunctis temporibus retroactis tunc fuerunt, reddendo inde annuatim dictis Archibaldo Strindling et heredes sui in dicta carta contenti, preiure Jacobi Regi et suis successoribus, unum par calcearum deauratorum, et par calcearum, ad unum vicum de Keir, in die feste pentecostes, si petatur tantum, prout in dicta carta de data apud eundem de Strindling, decimo sexto die mensis Septembris, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo septuagesimo nono, et regni dicti supremi domini nostri Regis decimo tercio, latius continetur. Quamquam chartam de memorato agro in iudicio perlectam et examinatam, admissam, ac omnia et singula in eadem contenta, legimus et approbamus. In cuius rei testimonium presentibus, nos, Ludovicus Delfenden de Auchnowie militis, Clerici Justicie dicti supremi domini nostri regis generalis, subscriptis, sigillum officii Justicie est appensum, anno, die, mense et loco pre-scriptis.

LEONARDUS BALLEWES Clericus Justicie

TESTAMENT of Sir James Strindling of Keir, Knight, confirmed 9th December 1591.

159. The Testament Testimonial and Inventar of the gude, god, comies of money and debts pertaining to wraupfull and cycht honourabill man Sir James





Struiling of Keir, knyght, within the shirefdom of Perth, the tyme of his deceiss, quhen deceissit in Cadder beshid Gilgaw, upon the thrid day of Februar, the zeir of God, one thousand fyve hundred four score aicht zeiris, forthfalling maid and gewin up be ane rycht honourabill man, Schir Archibald Struiling now of Keir, knyght, onlie executour testamentar acceptant, nominat be the said wuquhile Schir James Struiling of Keir, knyght, his father, in his last will underwritin, of the date at Cadder, the fourth day of September, the zeir of God foirsaid, as the samyne, writtin and subscrivit with his awin hand, at leith propertis.

In the first, the said wuquhile Schir James Struiling of Keir, knyght, had the guidis, geir, sowmes of money and dettis, of the awaill and prices efter following, pertaining to him the tyme of his deceiss foirsaid yiz. Item, upon the ground and landis of Any in the Shirefdom of Perth, in pasturing and birling, fyftie one greit ky, price of the pece ourheid, sax pund, threitene schillingis, four penceis, &c. &c. . . . . Item of reddie money in priss the sowme of thriescoir sax pundis, threitene schillingis four penceis. Item in abillzementis and ornamentis of his bodie, by the airschipe, estimat to the sowme of thriescoir sax pundis, threitene schillingis, four penceis. Item of silver wark, by the airschipe, twa silver peeces weyand samene vnce wecht, one silver salidat weyand sax vnce wecht, one dowsone of silver spurnes, weyand twelf vnce wecht, one littil masser and fyve blak cuppis with silver about the edggis thairof, weyand ellevin vnce wecht, extending in the hault to fourtie fyve vnce wecht of silver wark, by the airschipe, price of the pece ourheid fourie schillingis, summa, four score ten pundis. Item in ymantis and domicilis of his place of Keir, Cadder, and hows in Struiling, by the airschipe, estimat and extending to the sowme of twa hundred thriescoir sax padis, threitene schillingis, four penceis.

Summa of the Inventar ij? ii? lxxxiiij? xi? xliij?

Followis the dettis awin to the deid. Item thair was awin to the said wuquhile Schir James Struiling of Keir knyght, be my Lord Shampill, for the defunctis relief of caution quhilk he payit for his horschipe producessouris to Thomas Marjoribankis of Ratho, the sowme of sewin hundred pundis money. Item awin be the executouris of wuquhile Robert Gradone of Kesselblane, conforme to his obligatioun, the sowme of thriescoir sax pundis, threitene schillingis, four penceis. Item awin be Robert Struiling of Letter, conforme to his obligatioun, the sowme of twa hundred pundis money. Item awin be the tenantis and occupieris of the landis of Ballindroch, &c.





Summa of the dettis awin to the deid — l<sup>x</sup> xxiii<sup>l</sup>?

Summa of the Inventar with the dettis — iij<sup>l</sup> iij<sup>l</sup> xvii<sup>l</sup> x<sup>l</sup> viii<sup>l</sup>

Followis the dettis awin be the deid. Item thair was awin be the said wmequhile Sir James Struiling of Keir, keycht, to Archibald Maisterston in for ane annuall rent furth of the defunctis landis of Inveralbon, resten doe Witsunday and Mertimes termes in anno ane thousand fywe hundreth four seoir aucht zeiris, the sowme of fourtie pundis money, &c. &c.

Item awin to James Struiling Advocat in Edinburgh, for ane annuallrent furth of the landis of Glenbank, in anno ane thousand fywe hundreth four seoir aucht zeiris, the sowme of ten pundis money. Item awin to James Struiling in Beugour, for ane annuallrent furth of the landis of Uddilstrie, in anno ane thousand fywe hundreth four seoir aucht zeiris, the sowme of threttene pundis, sax schillingis, aucht pennies. Item awin to Jhonne Graham in Dunnanee, for ane annuallrent furth of the landis of Tomba in anno ane thousand fywe hundreth four seoir aucht zeiris, the sowme of fourtene pundis money. Item awin to James Struiling of Auchyde, for ane annuallrent furth of the landis of Haistoun and Blairquhairne, resten in anno ane thousand fywe hundreth four seoir aucht zeiris, the sowme of fourtie twa pundis, threttene schillingis, four pennies &c. &c.

Item awin to James Struiling of Auchill, for his zeiris fie, resten in anno ane thousand fywe hundreth four seoir aucht zeiris, the sowme of twentiepundis money. Item awin to Jhonne Struiling alias Baill, for his zeiris fie resten the said zeir the sowme of twentie pundis money. Item awin to James Struiling, brother to Williame Struiling of Law, for his fie resten the said zeir, the sowme of twentie pundis money. Item awin to David Forrester seruant, for his fie resten the said zeir, the sowme of twentiepundis money. Item awin to James Struiling, Scabular, for his fie resten the said zeir, the sowme of threttene pundis sax schillingis aucht pennies. Item awin to Williame Baxter, Cuik, for his fie resten the said zeir the sowme of ten pundis money. Item awin to Thomas Arthur, brewster, for his fie resten the said zeir, the sowme of ten pundis. Item awin to George Gray, porter, for his fie resten the said zeir, the sowme of sax pundis threttene schillingis four pennies. Item awin to Robert Menschell, Steward, for his fie resten the said zeir the sowme of ten pundis money. Item awin to Jhonne Dryisdall, Gairdner in Keir, for his fie resten the said zeir, the sowme of threttene pundis sax schillingis aucht pennies. Item awin to Maryoun Lodie, roller of wmequhile Jhonne Ra, gairdner in Chaldre, for his fie resten the said zeir, the sowme of threttene pundis sax schillingis aucht pennies. Item awin to Petie Thomastoun,



servand, for his fie resten the said zeir, the sowme of sax pundis threttene schillingis four penceis. Item to Jane Monereif, servand, for hir zeiris fie resten the said zeir, the sowme of sax pundis threttene schillingis four penceis. Item awin to Margaret Hunsbille nureis, for hir fie resten the said zeir, the sowme of ten pundis money. Item awin to Margret Mercer, nureis, for hir fie resten the said zeir, the sowme of sax pundis threttene schillingis. Item awin to Cristiane McIlroy servand, for hir fie resten the said zeir, the sowme of fywe pundis. Item awin to Janet Scott, servand, for hir fie resten the said zeir, the sowme of sax pundis threttene schillingis four penceis. Item awin to Sam Angus, servand, for hir fie resten the said zeir, the sowme of fywe pundis money. Item awin to Helene Carrik, servand, for hir fie resten the said zeir, the sowme of fywe pundis, money.

Summa of the dettis awin be the deid—x<sup>l</sup> lxxxviii<sup>li</sup> vi: viii!

Restis of fre geir, the dettis de bucht—ij<sup>li</sup> vi: xxiii<sup>li</sup> v!

To be dividit in thre pairtis.

The deidis pairt is — — — i<sup>li</sup> ii: vii<sup>li</sup> xv!

Followis the deidis Legacie and Lattervill.

At Cadder, the fourt day of September, the zeir of God 17 V: four seoir ancht zeiris. The quhilk day I neminat and constitutis my wyf, and my sonne Archibald, my executors and intromettours with my haill guidis and geir, and credittis thame out of all thingis that my dett apertains to me to discharge thairyeam, for paying of all dettis awin be me, be thair discretioun. Item, I ordain all jurlamentis and securitis maid requir my sonnes Archibald and James be surelie keepit in all pointis, and James securitis to be delyverit to himself or to his mother to keip to him. Item, I beif to Archibald all plenesingis that is on land, except sandkill that is on land apperteneing to my wyf, and that bot hir lyftyme onlie. Item, I ordaine my wyf and my sonne Archibald to pleneis the half land g'ain to James, and to big him ane reassonabill hous, ither in Kippindhuvie or Lanerk, and pleneis it wail and honestlie in all thingis necessar. Item, I pray and counsellis my wyf and my sonne Archibald to reuene and keip hous togidder, and my wyf to be gyder of the haill lewing and hous so lang as scho lavis, and Archibald to use hir counsell, for that is his greit weill. I pray Archibald that in nawayis he be eweit awy by his motheris counsail be na bodie for scho is his maist lewing freind. Item, gifte humours, as God wald, that my wyf and my sonne Archibald can not agree, bot to separate thaimselv to thair awin lewings, and hald sindrie hous, in that cais, I ordaine all plenesingis within Cadder, or that appertains to it, ither



within the place, or without it, that appertenis to Cadder or that lewing, appertene to my wyf, vnder inuentar and caution it be furthcumme to Archibald efter hir deceis, always the airschiþe, baith in siluer work and vther gear, appertene to Archibald. Item, I ordaine the keyis of all evidentis be delyuerit to Archibald, and it that apertenes to my wyf for seruing of hir lyfent be delyuerit to hir self, selyk vnder inuentar, to be delyuerit agane to Archibald at hir deceis, always that James evidentis and securities to be delyuerit to himself or to his moder to keip to him, as said is. Item, I ordane the securitie that is maid to Jhoune remane with his moder, so lang as scho lewis, and efter hir to be delyuerit to Archibald, it is resonabill he be sustentit. Item, I leif all that apertenis, or may apertene, to me in all thingis to Archibald, not hurring my wyf for hir tyme, and efter hir deceis all to be delyuerit to Archibald, except it plesis my wyf to leif pairt to our dochter Margret, or vther freindis, be hir discretioun. Item, I leif the helping of seruands and pure freindis to the discretioun of my wyf and my sone Archibald. As to my counsall quhow Archibald sall governe him self, or quails company and counsall he sall vse, I refer that to his awin wisdome, for I help in his judgment. Item, I ordane that the plenessing that is within my hous and ludging in Struiling be delyuerit to my wyf, becaus scho is in coniunctie with me of it, and zit vnder inuentar and caution that it be redelyuerit agane to my sone Archibald at hir deceis. Item, becaus I haif ordanit that my wyf and my sone Archibald sall remane togidder, and hald hous togidder, and my wyf gyder of the haill lewing, bayth apertening to hir and him, and that for his weill and putting aforhand siluer to redeme the land that lyes in va'set, I ordane that as siluer is put aforhand, that the wodest land be redemit, and first of that land that my wyf is in coniunctie of, becaus my sone is obleissit to mak hir coniunctie frie of all wodsettis. Item, becaus I haif maid abradie my sone Archibald assignay to all my reuersiounes, contractis, obligatiounes, and all vther dettis that I may craif, I ratifie the samyne, and constitutis him of new my assignay, to all as he wer my eldest sonne and air, and surrogatis him in his place in all thingis, as he wer my werrie lauchfull air. Item, I ordane my sone James to wait weill upoun his brother Archibald, and be ane gude seruand to him, and thame bayth to be gude and kynd sonnes to thair moder, that thay may be all togidder, and spend thair lewing togidder sa lang as scho lewis, and James to marie be the adwyse of his moder and his brother Archibald. God gif my wyf dayis to leif with thame, and be ane gude moder and gowernor to thame, and thay to be gude obedient sonnes to hir, quhillk gif thay do, I dont not bot God sall assist thame with his holle spirit, that thay may leif togidder in hit, upricht to God, trew to the prince, and kynd to thair freindis. My blessing I leif with thame, and all my benyngis, cyis, and freindis. This I leif for my





Latterwill be this my testament, writtin and subscriuit with my hand, day, zeir and place foirsaid.

Sic subscribitur. JAMES STIRLING of Keir.

We Maisteris Johnne Prestoun, Edward Bruce, Johnne Arthor and Johnne Nicolson, Advocattis, Commissaris of Edinburgh, speciallie constitut for confirmatioun, be the tennour heirof, ratifeis, approuis, and confirmis this present Testament . . .  
At Edinburgh the nynt day of December 1580 four score eleyen zeiris.

CONTRACT of MARRIAGE between Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir, Knight, and Grissel Ross, daughter of Jane Sempill, Lady Ross, 18th March 1580.

200. AT Glesgw the auctentey day of Marche, the zeir of God 1580 lxxx nyne zeiris: It is appointit, contractit, and marrymaitlik endit, betwix the honorabill pairteis following, to wit, Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir, knyght, as principall, John Naper feare of Merchinstoun, Joine Marney of Tweeddale, Johnne Stirling of Craigbarnett, Henrie Stirling of Ardecht, James Kingess of Kippenness, and Williame Stirling of Law, conjunctlie and severallie, as cautionaris and sureties for him, for fulfilling of his part of this present contract, wpon the one part, Dame Jeane Sempill, Lady Ross, Grissel Ross hir dochter, as principallis, Robert Montgomerie of Skelmurle, How Montgomerie of Hisselheid, Robert Sempill feare of Falmot, John Blair of that ilk, Allane Lekker of Cloghorne, and Harie Stewart of Craigshall, as cautionaris and sureties for thame, for fulfilling of their parts of this contract, on the vther part, in manner, forme, and effect as efter followis, that is to say: The said Sir Archibald sall, God willing, marie to his sponsit wyfe the said Grissel, (and sal) solemnizit and complete the band of matrimonie with hir in face of helle kirk, betwix and the tyetene day of Junii nextcomyn, and before the said mariage sall dwellie and sufficientlie infect the said Grissel, in hir virginite, in lyfrent for all the dayes of hir lyfetyne, in all and haill his landis of Wechilars Easle and Wester etc. . . . For the quhilkis causes, and mariage to be solemnizit, as said is, the said Jeane Lady Ros, and hir cautionaris abow writtin, binds and obblais thame . . . to pay to the said Sir Archibald . . . the sowme of sex thousand merkis money of this realme in name of tochtir with the said Grissel . . . In witnes quhairof, both the saidis pairteis, and cautionaris abowwrittin, hes subscriuit this present contract with thair handis, as followis, day, zeir, and place abowwrittin, befor thir witnessis, S & James Edmestoun of Dumroth knyght, John Stirling of Gloreit, Johnne Maxwell of Pettiehill, William Sempill of Bruntsehillis, William Strou-



ling Persone of Aberfule, and Johnne Marschall Schirer Clerk of Strineling, James Strineling of Ancyhill, Richart Balzie servitor to the said Lachie Ross.

ARCHIBALD STRUELING of Keir Knycht.

JEAN SEMPILL L. Ross.

GRISSILL ROSS.

HARIE STEWART of Craigiehall, ALLAN LOCKHART of Ollingtree, HEW MONTGOMERIE of Hissilheid, BLAIR of yat ilk, ROBERT MONTGOMERIE of Schenarrie, ROBERT SEMPILL feure of Fulwod, JOHNNE NEBER feure of Merchinsloch, JOHNNE MURRAY of Tachadein, HENRIE STIRLING of Ardach, JAMES KINROSS of Kippencross, WILLIAME STRUELING of Law, JOHNNE STRUELING of Craigbarney.

Contract between Sir Archibald Sterling of Keir, Knight, and John Hammiltoun of Bardowye, 16th January 1592.

201. At Cadder, the threttene day of Januar 1592, four-score twel-zenis. It is aggreit betwix Schir Archibald Sterling of Keir knycht, on the one part, and Jhon Hammiltoun of Bardowye, on the vther part, in maner following, to wit: Forasmuch as the said Jhon Hammiltoun hes ane rycht and tyill maid to him of the landis of Wester Bankair, land within the perechin of Campsy, be Jhon Sterling of Bankair, and that he vertew of tak and asselatioun grantit be the said Jhon Sterling to the said Jhon Hammiltoun and to his spows, quhair of thair is zeris to ryn, for the payment of certan dewitie to the said Jhon Sterling, as is covenit in the said tak: And alane forsomuch as the said Jhon Hammiltoun is infet be the said Jhon Sterling, with consent of the said Schir Archibald, in ane annuclrent of sex bollis meill zeirlie to be toun furth of the saidis landis of Bankair, vnder reuersioun couteand the sown of tua hundred merkis, as the contract, infetment, and seasing grantit thairyon propertis: Nochtwithstanding quhair of, the said Jhon Hammiltoun of Bardowye promeissis faythfalle be thir presents to the said Schir Archibald, and oblissis him, that quhowsome, or at quhat tym, the said Schir Archibald sall content and pay to him the said Jhon Hammiltoun the fersaid sown of tua hundred merkis money, togidder with sik vther sowmes of money as the said Jhon Sterling salbe fund justlie ablerit to the said Jhon Hammiltoun, or that salbe aggreit on betwix the saidis Jhon Sterling and Jhon Hammiltoun, to be awaid be cump and rekning: Than and in that case, the said Jhon Hammiltoun sall entir the said Schir Archibald in his place of the said tak of Bankair and infetment of the annuclrent fersaid, and sall renounce, quyt-clame, and ouergit in the said Schir Archibalds favour his said rychtis maid to him of the saidis landis of Bankair and annuclrent fersaid to-



gidder with all vther rycht, tyll, claime, or entres, that the said Jhon Hammiltoun can acclaime or pretend thairto, by any vther manner of way, to the effect the said Schir Archibald may peaceablie bruek the saidis landis, without hynder or clag to be maid to him be the said Jhon Hammiltoun thairto in all tym coming. Provyding always that the said Schir Archibald obtene and haill the said Jhon Stirlingis consent to the promissis. In witness whereof bairth the saidis parties has subscrivrit thir presentis with thair handis, day, zeir and place foresaid, to wit thir witness, James Struiling of Kippendavve, Mr William Sterling Person of Airrde, Alexander Schaw, and David Forester, servitouris to the said Schir Archibald.

ARCHIBALD STERLING of Keir.

JOHN HAMYLTON of Baredowe.

CONTRACT between Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir, Knight; Dame Jeanne Chisholme, Lady Keir, his mother; and William Sinclair of Galwaddmoir, and James Sinclair his brother, 8th April 1596.

202. AT Stirling the viii day of Aprile, the zeir of God 17 V: fourscore saxtine zeiris: It is appoitit, contractit, and finallie agreed betwix thir parties following, to wit, Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir, knyght, Dame Jeanne Chisholme, Lady Keir, his mother, and the said Sir Archibald as taking the bearing upon him for the remanent, his kin and freindis, on the one part, William Sinclair, now of Galwaddmoir, sone and aire of vnpquhill William Sinclair of Galwaddmoir, and James Sinclair his brother, for thairselvis, and takand the bearing upon thaim for thair vther brother and sister, and remanent thair kin and freindis, and all vtheris lawand or pretendand entres to the landis and actioun vnderwritin, on the vther part, in manner forme and effect as efter followis, that is to say: Forsamekille as vnpquhill Sir James Stirling of Keir, knyght, had all and haill the landis of Auchubie, with thair pertinentis lyand within the parochin of Dunidrou, pertening to him be tua sewerall rychtis, the one thairof be alienatioun and dispositioun maid be vnpquhill
- Dwrie of that ilk to vnpquhill Sir John Stirling of Keir knyght, father to the said vnpquhill Sir James, to be haldin of our soverane lordis most noble peiganitouris; the vther be intaiment of fewferme maid be vnpquhill William Bishops of Dunblane, to the said vnpquhill Sir James, his airis, and ess Ands thairroff: The quhilk landis wer amaleit and dispoit be the said vnpquhill Sir James to the said Sir Archibald his sone, his airis and assignais, and be the said Sir Archibald to vnpquhill James Stirling of Kippendavve his brother, quhairthrou (now had the vnkemait rycht, still, kyndis and possessioun of the saidis landis: Nochtwithstandin quhairroff, the said vnpquhill William Sinclair,





without ony iust ends or occasionn movit and gewin to him, maist unaturallic, vnkynndlic, and aganes all freindly dentie, parchest and obtenuit of our souerane lord, to him self, his airis, and assignais, ane intefment of fewthernes of the saidis landis of Auchinbie, as being ane part of the temporall landis of the said bischoprik of Dunblane, and perteinuing to our said souerane lord, be ressonne of the annexatioun of kirk landis to his Majesties crowne, and allidgit becomming in his theneis landis and at his dispositioun, throuche nonconfirmatioun of the said vnkynndill Sir James intefmentis thairof fairsaid, grantit to him be the said vnkynndill William Bischope of Dunblane, intending thairby to have dispossess the said vnkynndill Sir James Stirling and his predices-ouris possessionis and kyndnes of the saidis landis perteinuing to thame in maner fairsaid: Be occasionn quhairof proceedit and ingenerit grit enmitie and discentioun betuix the said vnkynndill Sir James, his said sones, and the said vnkynndill William Sinclair, and shubrie persutis and actiounes movit aganes vtheris thairthrow, and at the last maist unaturallic and vnkynndill, vpon grit subdenite, fell out the lamentable slaughter of the saidis vnkynndill James Stirling, vnkynndill William Sinclair, Edward and George Sinclairs his sones, and the hurting and wounding of the said William thair brother, committit vpon Witsensday the third day of Junii 1596 fairscoir threttine zeiris, sen the quhill tyme the said feid and enmitie has continewit betuix the saidis parteis, quhill now that the said Sir Archibald, efter the said long enmitie and deidlie feid, be command of his Majestie, and be the earnest trowell of the brether of the ministrie, and especially tuischit with our christiane charitie and dewtie, being brocht and movit to condiscord and amie to the reuiving of the samen: Thairfor for bareing and away taking thairroff, and of all rancour, malice and hatred consawit thairfor, the said Sir Archibald and the said Dame Joane for thame selfis, and als the said Sir Archibald as takand the bairding fairsaid, sall giue and grant to the said William Sinclair, James his brother, thair kin, freindis, allya, assistentis and partakeris, ane letter of slanes for the slaughter of the said vnkynndill James Stirling committit at the tyme fairsaid, remitting, forgiuing, and dischairging the samen, and all rancour and malice of hert, with all actioun, criminal, and ciuill quhill thay had, hes, or may haue thairfor, in maist ample and lairge forme, as the said William and his said brother pleasis dewyse: Lyk as also the said William Sinclair and James his brother, for thame selfis, and takand the bairding vpon thame in maner fairsaid, sall giue and grant to the said Sir Archibald and hauer of slanes to the said Archibald, for the slaughter of the said vnkynndill William Sinclair, Edward and George Sinclairs his sones, hurting, wounding of the said William and his brether, remitting, forgiuing, and dischairging the said Sir Archibald his kin, freindis, allya, assistentis, partakeris and ser-





wandis thaird, and all rancour and malice of heart for the samen, with all unclean criminal and civill quiblis thay had, has or hereafter may have or move aganis the said Sir Archibald and his fairsaidis thairfor in maist ample and lairge forme, as he pleasis to dewyse: And fartin, the said William Sinclair acknowledging the said infement of faw faeing of the saidis landis of Auchinble, purchest be his said vngquill father, maist vngauslie, vngatunallie and vngyallie over the said Sir Archibald and his said vngquill brotheris head, to be the only ground and fundament of the fairsaid slaughteris: thairfor to doe effect the samen be nocht the occasion of furthir trouble and discensoun betuix the saidis parties in tyme coming, the said William Sinclair, for him, his airis, and successouris, has ratuif and approv'd the said Sir Archibald's infementis, rychtis, and titillis quibtsamewir acqyrit be his said vngquill father and brother and be him self to the saidis landis of Auchinble in all the headis, pointis and articlis thairof, togidder with the pass solum of the samen . . . . As als the said Williame for him self, and his fairsaidis, be the tenour hereof, remunds, quibtsamewir, and owir giffis to the said Sir Archibald his airis and successouris, and in their remouris, the fairsaidis infement of the saidis landis of Auchinble purchest be the said vngquill Williame Sinclair his father, with his awn retoun service, and sesing thairof as air to his said vngquill father . . . . In witness quhairof thay have subscrivit the samen, day, zeit and place abone writin: befor thair witness, Sir James Craikholme of Dundorne, knycht, Mr. Hary Lewingstoun, minister at Sanct Ninianis kirk, James Drummond, James Blacnald, and Johne Muschet.

WILLIAM SINCLARE	Jas. Craikholme,	Archibald Strivling of Keir
off Galvachinair,	witnes to the hault,	JANE CRAIKHOLME, LADY KEIR
JAMES SINCLARE,	A. LEVINGSTONE,	
	witnes to the hault,	
	JAMES BLACNALD, witnes,	

MEMORANDUM of a Contract to be made between Sir Archibald Strivling of Keir, Knight, Dame Grizell Ros his spouse; and John Strivling of Wester Bankair, and Margaret Colquhoun, his spouse, 4th May 1597.

203. MEMORANDUM.—Ane contract to be maid betuix Schir Archibald Strivling of Keir knycht, and Dame Grissell Ros his spouse, on the one part, and Johne Strivling of Wester Bankair, and Margaret Colquhoun his spouse, on the other part, upon thir headis following: In witness, that the said Dame and his spouse sathis obligit to sell, annuallie and dispene to the said Schir Archibald and his said spouse in tyme, for all



the dayis of thair lyfetyne, and to William Strindling their son, his heirs and assignais, in fee and heretage, all and hailt his saidis landis of Wester Banker, with housis, biggingis, zairdis, coillieuchis, and all thair pertinentis, to be holden of his superiour thairof, als frelie as he haddis the samin, and that ather be resignation, or be chartour and confirmatioun of the samin, with claus of warrandice, and sall mak all vther rycht thaimment, as the said Schir Archibald and his said spous sall deye for thair securitie of the premissis: Item, that the said Johne sall mak the said Schir Archibald his spous and sone and his foirsaidis, cessioneris and assignais in and to all and quathsameneir reuerfones maid and grantit to him for redemptioun of all and quathsameneir annueltis annaleit be him furth of the saidis landis, and in and to the redemptioun of the samin, and to weirrand the samin fra all deid done be him that may hurt or stay the samin redemptioun: For the quhilk's causis the said Schir Archibald and his said spous to be bund and obbeist to pay to the said Johne, the sowme of fyve thowsand merkis money, at the termes and in maner following, that is to say, that the said Schir Archibald and his spous sall retene in thair handis summe of the said sowme as will redeme the saidis annueltis, and pay the byrth annueltis thairof, and the said Johne hes alreddie ressaut of the said sowme the sowme of twa hundreth merkis, and the rest of the said sowme to be payit at the termes of Witsunday and Mortymes nixtcom, quhair f thair salbe obbeist to pay sex hundreth merkis at Witsunday nixtcom allanerlie, and the rest at the said Mertymes nixt thairefter: Item, that the said Johne sall renunce and discharge the sowme of fourty merkis money, quhilk vnequill Schir James Strindling of Keir knycht his father, and his tennents of Calder, was obbeist be contract to haiff payit zeirlie to the said John during his lyfetyne: and that part of the said contract safare as concerns the samin sowme off all zeris and termes begynn, and in tyme coming during the said John's lyfetyne: And als that the saidis parties sall discharge the contract betuix thaim, be the quhilk the said Johne ressaut the sowme of four hundreth merkis, and was obbeist to haiff intill the said Schir Archibald and his foirsaidis in one annuelt of twa bollis victuall for everie hundreth thair of. At Keir, the ferd day of May I<sup>n</sup> VC four scor sevirtene zeris, befor thir witness, Maister William Erskene persone of Campsie, and James Strindling advocat, with vtheris diuers.

ARCHIBALD STERLING of Keir.

MEMORANDUM.—Are obligatioun to be maid be the said Schir Archibald at the perfyng of the said contract, quhairby he salbe obbeist to gais his tennents of his townis of Calder, Ballinluich, Haystoun and Bequharne, everie everie town thair of one dessoun of heillis of coillis zeirlie and ilk zeir to the said John and his spous during their lyfetimes, to the town of Glasgow, in quhat budzeing thair he sall happen to be



duelling for the tyme, fra ony heuch in Campsie, or vther heuch within four myles of the said town of Glasgw.

JOHNE STERLING of Bankeir.

ARCHIBALD STERLING of Keir.

WM. ERSKYN, vitnes.

JAMES STRIVELING, witness.

OBLIGATION by John Striveling of Bankeir to Sir Archibald Striveling of Keir Knight, his spouse, and son, 19th January 1597.

204. I JOHNE STRIVELING of Bankeir be the tennour heirof bindis and obliissis me, my airis and assignais, to the richt honorable Schir Archibald Striveling of Keir knyght, Dame Grissell Rois his spous, and William Striveling their sone, their airis and assignais; that becaus Isobell Fleming standis infest in the landis of Bankeir, dispoit be me to thame, vnder reuersioun of four hundred merkis money; that betuix and Martines nixtocum, I sall obtene to thame the said Isobellis renunciatioun thair of in dev forme, and sall varrand thame their airis executouris and assignais of the said foure hundred merkis, and of all byrvne annuallis, or of ony termis tocum, that ony wyis the said Isobell or hir airis may suit or craif ony wyis fra thame or their foirsaidis furecht of the saidis landis, directle or indirectle, in all tymes cuning . . . . In vitnes heirof this my obligacioun, subscriyvit with my hand, the bode yrittin be Archibald Gibsoun notar, at Caddar, the xix daye of Januar, the zeir of God 1<sup>st</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> LXXX sevintene zeris, befoir thir vitnes, Johne Howstoun apperand of that ilk, M<sup>r</sup> William Erskine Persoun of Campse, Alexander Schaw, James Striveling, David Festeir, seruitouris to the said Archibald, and Archibald Gibsoun notar.

JOHNE STIRLING of Bankeir.

JOHNE HOWSTON apperant off that ilk vittnes.

WM ERSKYN vitnes.

ALEXANDER SCHAW Vitnes.

CONTRACT of MARRIAGE between James Striveling, eldest son and heir of Sir Archibald Striveling of Keir, Knight, and Anna Home, eldest daughter of Sir George Home of Wedderburne, Knight, 9th July, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th August, 1606.

205. At Perth, Polvert, Spilmerfordmyne, Colintoan, Dunblen, Burnbank, the nynt daye of Julii, xiii, xiiii, xv, xvi dayes of August the zeir of God, Jai vi<sup>th</sup> and sex zeiris: It is appointit, agreeit, and finally contractit, betuix the honorable partis following, to wit Sir Archibald Striveling of Keir knyght, for him self and takand the burding ypone him for James Striveling, his eldest sone and apperant air, and also the said James for him self, with expres abuis and consent of his said father, as lawchtull adminis-





tutour, gyder and governour to him of the law, for his intres, on the one part; and Sir George Home of Wetherburne knyght, for him self, and takand the bunding vpon him for Anna Home, his eldest lawefull dochter, and also the said Anna for hir self, with expres aduys and consent of hir said father, as lawefull administratour, tutour, gyder, and governour to hir of the law for his intres, on the vther part; in maner, forme, and effect as efter followis; that is to say, the saidis James Striviling and Anna Home sall, God willing, solemnizat and compleit the band of matrimonie betuix thame in face of helie kirk, as the ordour thairof requyris, and that betuix the date heirof, and the ellavint day of November nixto cum, or sooner gif it sall be thocht expedient be the saidis partis; and befor the compleitng thairof the said Sir Archibald in contemplatioun of the said mariage, and for the sowme of money efter specifoir, to be payit in name of tocher as followis, be thir presentis bindis and obblissis him and his airis, with all gudelic diligence, to infeft dewlie and sufficientlie, be chartour and seasing, titulo oneroso, the said Anna Home, in hir pure virginitie, in lyfent for all the dayes of hir lyfytyme, in all and hail the ten pound land of Keir . . . Reservand alwayes, in the said infeftmentis, to Dame Jean Chisholme Lady Keir, mother to the said Sir Archibald, hir lyfent . . . and lykways reservand to Dame Grissell Ross, spous to the said Sir Archibald, hir lyfent . . . Quhillkis landis and vtheris respective fairsaidis ar receyft be the said Anna, with consent of hir said father, be expres conditione heirof, in full contentatioun and satisfactioun of hir terce and thrid of all vtheris landis quhillk may fall and pertene to hir be deces of hir said future spous: And siclyk the said Sir Archibald be thir presentis bindis and obblissis him and his fairsaidis to infeft . . . the said James Striviling, his sone and apperand air, and the airis made lauchfullie to be gottin betuix him and the said Anna his said future spous: quhillkis fulltelling, the said James his narrest and lawefull airis made qchatsumetir, beand the surname and arms of Striviling, and thair assignayes heretabillie, in . . . the lands and baronie of Keir . . . Reserving alwayes to the said Sir Archibald his lyfent . . . And becaus the hail landis and loving of Keir ar telzeit to the airis made, sum that be the prouisioun of the said telze the airis female to be procreat betuix the said James and his said future spous will be alliterie debarrit fra all successioun thairin to the said James: Thairfor, and for help to the saidis airis female to thair marriages, the said Sir Archibald and the said James his sone, with any consent and assent, be thir presentis bindis and obblissis thame . . . to content and pay to the saidis airis female to be procreat betuix the said James and his said future spous, the sowmes of money efter specifoir, viz., gif thair be bot ane air female, the sowme of twenty thows and merkis money of this realme to hir; gif thair be bot tua airis female, the sowme of twenty four



thowsand merkis to be derydit equally betwixt thame: and gif thair be me nor mer aiff-  
female, the sowme of tuentie thowsand pundis equally amoungis thame, for thair tocher  
and help to thair marriages, with portis agreeable to thair estates, and that how soon  
the saidis aiff female salbe of the age of sixteen zeiris complete, and in the meintyme  
to intertine educat and yphring the saidis heill aiff female honorable and virtuously,  
according to thair estates . . . . For the saidis cautions, the said Sir George  
Home of Wedderburne knight as principall, and Sir Patrick Home off Ayrton, Sir  
John Home of Blakaton, Sir James Foulis off Colinton, and John Johnsson burges  
of Edinburgh, as cautionaris, soviteis, and full debouris for him, be thir presentis, binds  
and oblisis thame . . . . to content and pay to the said Sir Archibald Stirling  
of Keir, and his aiff, the sowme of aughtene thowsand merkis money of this realme, in  
name of tocher with the said Anna . . . . And for observing, keeping, and fulfilling  
of this present contract, and every heill article, claus, and conditionne thairof, for  
the part of the said Sir Archibald Stirling, Sir James Forrester of Gairden, James  
Chisholme of Cromlix, Sir George Muschet of Burnbank, James Kynros Fear of Kip-  
panros, are becom, and be thir presentis becomis, cautionaris and soviteis for him  
. . . . In wites heiroff both the saidis partis and cautionaris have subseruit this  
present contract with thair handis, as followis, (writin be James Leslie notary publick)  
day, zeir and place, firsablis, befor thir witnesses, viz. Jhone Cammular of Haly-  
rudhous, Jhone Murray of Tachadam, and Richard Cass writer, witnesses to the sub-  
scriptions of the principall partis, and subscriptions of Gairden and Blakaton, cau-  
tionaris, John Erll off Marr etc., David Home younger of Wedderburne, Mr Henry  
Stirling servitour to the Laird of Wedderburne, James Stirling servitour to the said Sir  
Archibald Stirling, David Muschett portionar of Murdochistoun, John Muschett in Mylne  
of Torre, Mr Henry Kynross.

MAR WIDNES.

HALYREDHOUS WITES

JHONE MURRAY of Tachadam wites

R. CASS wites

D. HOME wites.

M. HARRIE STIRLING wites.

JAMES STERLING wites.

DAVID MUSCHETT wites to the Laird of

Cromlix and Muschett subscriptions.

JHONE MUSCHETT wites

MR HENRY KYNROS wites and fillar of  
the blankes abowwritin.

GEORGE HOME.

ARCHIBALD STERLING of Keir.

JAMES STERLING.

A. HOME.

S. PA. HUME.

JO HOME cautioner

J. JOHNSTONE cautioner.

JAMES FOULIS cautioner.

SIR JAMES FORRESTER of Gairden cautioner.

JA. CHISHOLME of Cromlix cautioner.

G. MUSCHETT cautioner.

JAMES KYNROS cautioner.



OBLIGATION by [Sir William Livingstone of] Kilsyth to Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir, Knight, 16th December 1609.

206. THUS sall testifie, that nochtwithstand Schir Archibald Stirling off Keir knyght, be werten off ane contract off the dait heiroff, anent the disposition off the superiority off the landis off Kinkaid and Birlston, is, that to our Dame Grissel Ross his spous, eam judicially and ratifie the said contract: yet becaus the said Schir Archibald assures me that his said spous is nocht infertile, nor has no ryght to the saidis landis, quhair through it is necessar that scho consent: I am content, be this my liket, that I sall nocht wege hir to compeir judicially, nochtwithstanding off the said condition abovementionat: Alsua, becaus in ane bakband given be me to the said Schir Archibald, whairin it is conditionat that incaise the [said] Schir Archibald sall delyver to me ane sufficient infeftment past the seillis off the landis off Kinkaid and Birlston, tair yard and marriage, as in the said bakband off the dait heiroff is mentiouat: yet it is understand, and our mening is chairmanet, that gif it sall happin that the said Schir Archibald, betuix and the tyme mentiouat in the said bakband, whilk is the first off Awyill nintuncum anno D<sup>i</sup> VI<sup>ti</sup> ten zeris, to obtene and delyver to me ane lawful signatur, past lawfullic be his Majesties Tresorer and compouer, and that the said signatur beeing tair ward and marriage, conform to my said bakband, be nocht revoeket, bot stand and remain fre to me to pas through the seillis: then and in that case, I sall accept the samen, and pas the samen through the seillis on my awn eling: so nochtwithstanding in the said bakband it be said that the said Schir Archibald sall pas the seillis thairoff: In witness whairoff I heff subscriait this my letter, writtin with my hand, at Edinburgh, the xvi of December 1609: witness, Georg Forster younger off Carstorphin, Jhon Levingston of Baldoren, James Gaddat, with others.

KILSYTH.

G. FORSTER witness.

J. LIVINGSTON witness.

RETURN of Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir, Knight, as heir of Sir James Stirling of Keir, Knight, his father, 8th July 1613.

207. Hec Inquisitio facta fuit super virgini aed. Castrum de Down, loco curiarum Senescallatus de Montevyth visitato, octavo die mensis Julii, anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo decimo tertio, et cum honorabilibus viris Jacobo Habbane, Senescallo equitum dicti senescallatus, per probos et fideles homines patrie sub-jungentes, videlicet Joannem Murray de Touchadame, Dominum Georgium Muschott de Murenbank militem, Do-





minum Jacobum Chisholme de Cromlix militum, Jacobum Kinros de Kippens, Alexandrum Loring-toun de Torritoun, Adamum Cunningham de Chapelroon, Walterum Lockie de Fochie, Robertum Somart de Culling, Davidem Muschart de Calochate, Magistrum Jacobum Schaw de Knockhill, Jacobum Edmestoun de Newroon, Duncannu Petersam, prefatum burgi de Strivilling, Christophorum Alexander, et Archibaldum Allan, ballivos eiusdem, et Andream Alexandrie, burgensem illidem : Qui iurati dicunt, quod quondam Dominus Jacobus Stirling de Keir miles, pater Domini Archibaldi Stirling nunc de Keir militis, late eis presentium, obijt ad fidem et pacem supremi domini nostri Regis : Et quod dictus Dominus Archibaldus Stirling est legitimus et propinquus heres eiusdem quondam Domini Jacobi Stirling sui patris : Et quod est legitime eratis : In cuius rei testimonium, sigilla quorundam eorum qui dicte inquisitioni intererant fuerunt, una cum huius regio iuris clausa, et sigillo officii dicti senescallatus dorso presentium aliam, presentibus sunt appensa, die mensis, et anno premicatis. Extractum de libro censurarum dicti Senescallatus de Montepeth, per me, Jacobum Don notarium publicum et clericum dicte curie, testantibus meis signo et subscriptione manualibus. Sic subscribitur, Ja. Don, Clericus dicte Curie.

Hee est vera copia principidis retornatus super premissis in Cancellaria supremi domini nostri regis remanentis, copiam et collationem per me Magistrum Johannem Scott de Scotisburgh, clauis Cancellarie Directorum, sub natis signo et subscriptione manualibus.

Jo. Scott.

CONTRACT of MARRIAGE between Sir John Strivelling, eldest lawful son of Sir Archibald Strivelling of Keir, Knight, and Margaret Monteith, daughter of Sir William Monteith, elder of Keir, Knight, 9th July 1613.

208. At Ayr, the nynt day of Julij, the yole of Our Lord 1613, and chertene nobis : It is appointed, contractit, and finalie accord betuix the honourabill parties ynder writin, thay ar to say, Schir Archibald Strivelling of Keir, Knycht, for himself, and takand the burling on him for Schir Johne Strivelling, his eldest lawful sone, present beutis him and Dame Grissell Ross his spouse, and the said Schir Johne for himself, with expres ayse, counsall, and consent of his said father on the one part, and Schir William Monteith elder of Keir, kerycht, for himself, and takand the burling on him for Margaret Monteith, his lawful daughter, and the said Margaret for herself, with expres advyse, counsall, and consent of his said father, and the said party, in manner forme and effect as efter followis, that is to say : the said Schir Johne Strivelling, with ayse, counsall, and consent of his said father, and of Dame Grissell Ross his





said mother, hes takin, and be thir presents takis, the said Margaret Monteith to his laifull wyff: lykas the said Margaret, with ayyse, counsell, and consent of hir said father, hes takin, and be thir presents takis, the said Schir Johne Striuling to his laifull husband, and uther of the saidis Schir Johne and Margaret faithfully promittis to compleit and solemnizat the halie band of mariage togidder, in face of Chrystis kirk and congregation, dewlie as effelris, betuix the day and date before and the day of September nextcomm, but langer prologation or delay: In contemplatioun of the quthilk mariage, and for the savyng of tocher underwritten, to be payit at the termes and in manner otherspecificett, the said Schir Archibald Striuling of Keir Knycht, and the said Schir Johne Striuling his sone, faithfullie bindis and oblieissis thame, and their airis . . . with expres ayyse, consent, and assent of the said Dame Grissell Ross, spous to the said Schir Archibald . . . befor the solemnizatioun of the said mariage, dewlie, viliablie, and cheerfullie to infett and seis the said Margaret Monteith future spous to the said Schir Johne, in hir virginirie, in lyfrent, for all the dayis of her lyfetime, in all and heill the toun, burgh, and place of Gardene, with the maynes and croftis and myne thairof, and thair pertinentis, and landis of Middill Gardene . . . quthikis biffour thairis, and vtheris, baith principall and warrandyce, particularely above specifying the said Margaret Monteith, with expres ayyse, counsell, and consent of the said Schir William Monteith of Kers, Knycht, her father, hes acceptit, and be thir presents acceptis, in full contentatioun and satisfactioun to hir of hir terece and thirid of all vtheris landis, annual rentis, roomes and possessiounes quthikis may fall and appertene to hir thair douchis of the said Schir Johne Striuling hir future spous, be the lawis and practick of this realme, gif it sall happin him at the plessour of God to depairt this mortall lyf befor her . . . And becaus of the provision of tillie contentit in the said Schir John Striulings instrumentis of the fornamet landis and vtheris provydit to him be his said father with his airis maill thairin contentit, gif it sall happin him to haue nae airis maill lawfullie to be gottin betuix him and his said future spous, extant on lyff the tyme of his deces, quia may succede to him in the saidis landis, beir allanerlie to haue dochteris one or more, lawfullie to be procreat betuix him and his said future spous, quia will be deferrit and excludit fra all successioun to him in the saidis landis, and the samyn, failzing of airis maill lawfullie to be gottin betuix thame, will thairby fall and pertaine to his airis maill quhatsumevir, thairfor and in that cas, it is provydit and agreat yponn betuix the saidis pairteis, that failzing of airis maill lawfullie to be gottin betuix the said Schir Johne Striuling and his said future spous, extant on lyff the tyme of his deces, that his airis maill quhatsumevir succeeding to him in the saidis landis sall be habbit and



astrietit to content and pay to the saidis dochteris, gif ther be only one, the sowme of tuelf thousand merkis money foirsaid, gif ther be mair, the sowme of sextene thousand merkis equallie betwix thame, and gif ther be up nor twa, the sowme of twentie thousand merkis equallie amongis thame, and that immediatlie after the decess of the said Schir Archibald Striuling of Keir Knycht, the saidis dochteris being alwayis then past the aige of fourteen zeiris complet, and ay and quhill thair be of the said aige, the saidis airis maill quatsumauer salbe boundin to pay to the saidis dochteris ilk one of thaim zeirlie the sowme of thre hundred merkis money foirsaid for thair honest entertainment ay and quhill thair be past the aige fairsaid as said is, but frauche or gale . . . . For the quhillis causis abovesaid, the said Schir William Monteith of Keir Knycht faithfullie binds and obligis him his airis, successors to his landis, and incommittis with his goodis and gair quatsumauer, thankfullie to content, pay and delyver to the said Schir Archibald Striuling of Keir Knycht, and Dame Grissel Ross his spous thair airis and assignais, the sowme of tuelf thousand merkis good and vsmall money foirsaid of this realme of Scotland, in mane of tocher, with the said Margaret Monteith . . . . And for performing, keeping and fullfilling of this present contract, in the haill heidis, articles, and clausis thairof, for the pair of the said Schir Archibald Striuling of Keir Knycht, and his seld some day have fundin Schir James Striuling, fear of Keir Knycht, sene to the said Schir Archibald, cautionar and securities for thame . . . . And for fullfilling and keeping of this present contract for the pair of the said Schir William Monteith Eldest of Keir Knycht, he has fundin Schir John Bruce of Airth, Knycht, Schir Walter Dundas of our ilk Knycht, Schir William Monteith of Newlands Knycht, Schir Johane Bruce of Kinross Knycht, and William Drummond of Pitwaime, cautionar's and securities for the said Schir William Monteith elder . . . . In witness of the quhill thing, both the saidis pairtis and cautionar's foirsaid has subscrievit thair presentis with thair handis, as follows, writtin by John Robene scrutour to Johane Williamson, Scribe and Town Clerk of Striuling, day zeir and plais foirsaidis, betair thair witnessis, Johane Murray of Touchadme, Schir William Eskyne Knycht, William Striuling Fear of Arbroath, Alexander Monteith of Mongall, witnesses to the subscriptionis of the saidis haill principall parties contracteris abone specified, and of the saidis Schir William Monteith and William Drummond, one of the cautionar's abovesaid.

JHANE MURRAY of Touchadme Witness.

W<sup>m</sup> ERSKINE Witness.

WILLIAM STERLING Witness.

A. MONTEATH Witness.

S<sup>r</sup> W. MONTEATH Cautionar.

JAMES STRIULING Cautionar.

S<sup>r</sup> W. LYNES of g<sup>th</sup> El Cautionar.

S<sup>r</sup> Jo. BRUCE of Airth Cautionar.



G. DUNDAS Witness.

RO. DUNDAS Witness.

PATRIK BRUCE Witness.

JAMES DICKSONE Witness.

JAMES STERLING Witness.

T. MONTEATHE Witness.

M. JHONE EDMESTOUN Witness.

W. DUNDMOND, Cationar.

S. ARCHIBALD STIRLING of Keir.

GRUSSAL ROSS Lady KEIR.

SE JY STIRLING.

MARGRAT MONTEATHE.

SCHIR WILLIAM MONTEITH Elder of  
Kers Knight with my hand touching  
the pen of the Notaris under subscri-  
vand at my command, becomis for infir-  
mitie of sight I can nocht write my self.

Ita est JAMES WILLIAMSONE Notarius &amp;c.

Ita est ROBERTUS KER notarius &amp;c.

OBLIGATION by Mr. John Struiling to Sir Archibald Struiling of Keir, Knight,  
4th November 1623.

200. BE it kend till all men be thir present letteris, me Maister Johanne Struiling, beuill  
sone to vngquihle Maister William Struiling, persone and minister at Bachelmuk;  
Forsamekill as the said presentation in and to the samyne personage and vicarage  
teynulis, being now vend and at the presumption of thair Sir Archibald Sir Archi-  
bald Struiling of Keir knyght, vndouttit person of the samyne kirk and parochin;  
and haueing, out of his luiff and affection, be his letteris of presentation subscrievit  
with his hand, of the date of thir presentis, nominat and present me, persone and  
minister at the said kirk during my lyffetyme, and in and to the heill teynulis, faultis,  
rentis, and emolumentis baith personage and vicarage pertuining to the samyne kirk  
and parochin of Bachelmuk; and I in weidird thairfor, naways being of mynd nor  
intencion to hurt or preiudice the said Sir Archibald Struiling of Keir knyght, his  
airis successouris or any vtheris quhome he sall nominat and appoynt in the rycht of  
the samyne personage and vicarage teynulis: Thairfor wit ze me the said Maister  
Johanne, to be bound and obligit, lyke as I be the renour heiroff bindis and obligis me,  
after my admissioun to the said kirk, that I sall, be the sight and determination of  
Johanne Struiling of Craigbarnat and Johanne Hamanlithame of Ornestowne, as judgis  
equallie choissen betwix the said Sir Archibald Struiling of Keir knyght and me on  
that one and vther pointis, mak, payre, subscrievit and deliuer to the said Sir Archi-  
bald Struiling of Keir, or any thairis quhome he sall nominat or appoynt, so sufficient  
bureis of takkis and a scharthame of the samyne personage and vicarage teynulis, or  
sic vther rycht or tyll thairfor, as the said Sir Archibald Struiling sall degnis be the





lawis of this realine, conforme to the decreit and determinatioun of the saidis twa judgis, my reasonabill stipend for my service of the cure at the said kirk, as my vmpuhile father haid of befor, efter tryell to be takin be the saidis judgis thairment, being exceptit and reseruit: And heirto I faithfullie bind and oblis me to vnderly and obserue to the said Sir Archibald, the decreit and determinatioun of the saidis judgis, and for quhatsumever uther thingis the said Sir Archibald sall requyre be the sight of the said judgis . . . . In witness whereof, written be William Cunynghame wryttar in Edinburgh, I haue subscriuit thir presentis with my hand, at the place of Keir, the fourt day of November, the zeir of God 17 xj: tuentie and thre zeiris, befor thir witness, Sir John Striuling of Cardane knycht, Alexander Douglas of Maynes, William Striuling sone to the said Sir Archibald, and the said William Cunynghame

WILLIAM STIRLING witness.

Mr. JOE STERLING.

J. STERLING witness.

A. DOWGLAS witness.

CONTRACT of MARRIAGE between George Stirling of Keir and Mrs. Margaret Ross, daughter of James Lord Ross, 27th, 28th, 29th, and 31st December 1630.

210. AT Halkhed, Houstoun, Drummoud, Aluey, and Arlocht, the xxvij, xxviii, xxix, and last days of December, the zeir of God 17 VI: and threttie zeiris: It is apoinit contractit and finallie agreit betuix the honorable George Stirling of Keir, with consent of his curatouris undersubscriuend, on the one pairt, and Mistres Margaret Ross, daughter to ane noble Lord, James Lord Ross, with consent of hir said father, and he takand the burding on him for hir, on the uther pairt, in manner following, that is to say, The said George, with consent beirsaid, hes taking and be thir presentis takis the said Mistres Margaret to his lawfull spouse: lykas the said Mistres Margaret, with consent of her said father, hes taking and be thir presentis takis the said George to hir lawfull husband, and athir of thame with consent beirsaid faithfullie promittis to solemnizate the halys band of mariage togidder, in face of Chrystis kirk and congregatioun as the ordour thairof requyris, betuix the day and daif beirof and the . . . . day of nixtocum but langer delay: In contemplantoun of the quhilk marriage, and for the soume of tocher vnderwritin, to be payit at the termes and in manner efter following, the said George Stirling of Keir, with consent beirsaid, bindis and oblis him his airis unwill and successoris quhatsumevir . . . . to infeft and sene the said Mistres Margaret his future spouse, in her pure virginitie, in lyfrent for all the dayes of hir lyf-tyme, in all and sundrie his Landis of Calder . . . . As also in all and haill ane



annualrent of ane thousand merkis money of this realme zeirle to be vplittit, at Witsunday and Mertimes, furth of the said George his landis and barrange of Keir . . . .  
 Quhillkis landis annualrentis and vtheris particularlie abovementionate with their pertinentis, the said Mistres Margaret Ross, with consent fairsaid, hes acceptit, and be thir presentis acceptis, in full contentatioun to hir of hir reasonable tearce and thirid of all vther landis, annualrentis, rounnes and possessionnes, quhillkis may fall and pertaine to hir be decessis of the said George quhan it salhapine . . . . Maistrouer, gif it salhapine the said George and his said future spous at the pleasour of God to haif ane air maill procreate betuix thame, extant on liff the tyme of his decessis, quhan salhapine to succedd to him in the fairmanit landis and vtheris abovementit, with the pertinentis: in that caise the said Mistres Margaret Ross salbe haldin and astriedit and obbeis his to renunce and gif ooir to and in fauouris of the said air maill, the fairmanit annualrent of ane thousand merkis money fairsaid, in dew and ample forme as effairs: And becaus the saidis haill landis and beiving of the hous of Keir ar tailzieit and provydit to the airis maill of the said George Stirling, quhairthrow gif thair be na airis maill procreate betuix him and the said Mistres Margaret Ross his said future spous, bot onlie dochteris, in that caise the samyne dochteris willbe sechydit frome all rycht and benefite of successioun to the saidis landis and leiving of the hous of Keir: thairfor the said George Stirling of Keir, with advyse, counsall, and consent of his saidis curatouris, and they for their entress, faythfullie bindis and obbeis him, his airis maill, tailzie, and prouisoun quhairsumevir quha salhapine to succedd to him in the fairmanit landis and leiving of the said hous of Keir, to content and pay to the dochter or dochteris ane or ma that salhapine to be procreate betuix the said George and his said future spous, the sounes of money particularlie, ilk ane of thame for their awne pairtis, at the termes and in maner efter devydit: that is to say, gif thair be onlie ane dochter, the sounne of twentie thousand pundis gude and vsuall of this realme to hir: gif thair be tua, the sounne of twentie four thousand pundis money fairsaid equallie betuix thame: and gif thair be thrie or ma dochteris procreate in the said marriage, the sounne of threttie thousand pundis money fairsaid . . . . at their age of fyftene zeiris compleit, quhairof the first sevin zeiris thair said mother salbe haldin and obbeis to sustene and entertenye thame, and thairfra quhill they be of the age of fyftene zeiris compleit, the saidis airis maill, tailzie, and prouisoun quhairsumevir quha salhapine to succedd to the said George Stirling of Keir in the fairsaidis landis and beiving, thair airis and successouris, salbe haldin and astriedit, lykes the said George, with consent of his saidis curatouris for their entress, bindis and obbeis thame, schair to coloune and sustentye the saidis dochteris honestlie according to thair estat and rank, ay and quhill they com to the



said age of fyftene zeiris compleit; or otherwais, in the optium of the saidis dochteris, to gif to thame zeirlie for their maintenance [*certain sums, the amounts of which are left blank in the contract.*] For the quhilk causes abowewritin the said James Lord Ross as principall, and with him as curatouris and souerties for him, feythfullie bindis and obbeisses thame, and ilk one of thame, thair airis and successoris, conjunctlie and severallie, to content pay and delyvie to the said George Stirling of Keir, his airis and assignaves, the somme of twentie thousand markis guid and usuall money foirsaid of this realm in name of teacher with the said Mistres Margaret Ross his future spouse . . . . In witness of the quhilk thing, layth the saidis pairties curatouris and cautioneris abowewritin, has subscrivut thir presentis with thair handis, writin be James Smeervell scrutour to Johnne Williamson writer to his Majesties Signet, day, zeir, and place foirsaidis, befor thair witnesses respectiue, vizi, to the subscription of the said Lord Ross, his said dochtour and the said Laird of Keir, befor Archibald Edmonstoun of Dunrothe, William Ross of Murestoun, Mungo Stirling fear of Gloreit, Henrye Sterling father brother to the said Laird of Keir, and James Ross scrutour to the said Lord Ross; and to the subscription of the curatouris vnder-subscrivand, the witnesses foirsaidis, and Thomas Craufurd of Newtown, Archibald Craufurd scrutour to the Laird of Houstoun, Johanne Sterling sone to the gudman of Ardocht, James Stirling scrutour to the said Lord of Keir, Mr. Johnne Drummond scrutour to the Earle of Perth, Alexander Stirling of Powhous, and Harye Shaw, (sic. sed lege Dow,) scrutour to the Earle of Mar respectiue,

AR. EDMONDSONE WITNES.

WILLIAME ROSS WITNES.

MUNGO STIRLING WITNES.

HARIE STERLING WITNES.

JAMES ROSS WITNES.

THOMAS CRAFTURD WITNES.

A. CRAFTURD WITNES.

JOHNE STERLING WITNES.

JOHNE ROBESOUNE WITNES.

MR. J. DRUMMOND WITNES to the Earle of Perth.

A. STIRLING WITNES to my Lord Erskine and Glenegess.

H. DOW WITNES.

PATRICK HOWSTOUNE WITNES.

JAMES STERLING WITNES.

WYL. MUIRE WITNES.

GEORGE STERLING of Keir.

MARGARET ROSS.

J. L. ROSE.

PERTHE consents.

W<sup>m</sup> STIRLING curatour consents.

J. L. ERSKYNE consents.

S<sup>r</sup> L. HOUSTOUN Curatour.

S<sup>r</sup> J. STERLING curator consents.

GLENNEGLIS consents.





TESTAMENT of Dame Margaret Ros, spouse to Sir George Stirling of Keir, Knight,  
confirmed 5th April 1633.

211. THE Testament devise and Inventor of the guldin, gear, dettis, summs of money and vtheris, pertening to vngiftill Dame Margaret Ros, samytyme spouse to the Richt Honourabill Sir George Stirling of Keir, knyght, the tyme of hir decease: quha deceist vpon the tent day of Marche, in this instant yeir of God 1<sup>st</sup> VI: and threttie thrie yeiris: Faithfullie maid and gevin vp be the said Sir George, executour dative surrogait in place of the procurator or fiscall of the Commissariat of Dunblane, quha was executour dative decernit to the said defunct, be decreit of the Commissar thair of, vpon the fyft day of Apryle the yeir of God foirsaid, as actis maid thairnaunt propriis.

Inprimis, the said vngiftill Dame Margaret and hir said husband had pertening to thame, and in thair possession, the foirsaid [time], the guldin and gear efter-specified, of the valour and estimatioun following, to witt: Thrie hors, pryce of the pease, £ lib. inde ij<sup>o</sup> lib. Item, in the manis of Cadiber, twelf ky, pryce of the pease ourhead, x lib, inde vi<sup>o</sup> lib. Item, ane bull, pryce vij lib. Item, four yeir auld, pryce of the pease ourhead ij lib. vj<sup>o</sup> vij<sup>o</sup> inde xij lib. vj<sup>o</sup> vij<sup>o</sup>. Item, ane sick aittis, estimat to ten bollis with the father, pryce of the boll with the father, iij lib. inde xl lib. Item, two stakis bear, estimat to sextene bollis with the father, pryce of the boll with the father, vi lib. inde iij<sup>o</sup> xvj lib. Item, in the ginnell of the Keir, thrie scair bollis maul, pryce of the boll vj lib. inde ij<sup>o</sup> ij<sup>o</sup> lib. Item, the abalzement of hir body following, in the custodie of Dame Margaret Scott, Lady Ros, together with hir deadlis efter-specified, conforme to the inventer, viz. In the frist ane gowne of flowered satene, in blak and orience flowris layid over with gold lace, pryce vj<sup>o</sup> xij lib. vj<sup>o</sup> vij<sup>o</sup>. Item, ane gowne of orience pan velvet laid over with silver lace, pryce viii<sup>o</sup> lib. Item ane petticoat of millan satine, pryce £ lib. Item ane vaker of grein satine, pryce viii<sup>o</sup> lib. Item sextine ellis of fyne florit satine to be ane gowne, pryce £ iij<sup>o</sup> lib. Item, threttine ellis of florit orience and greine satine to be ane gowne, pryce £ xx lib. Item ane kirk cusheane of red velvet, pryce xl lib. Item, ane clumie and ane pair of brachettis of gold, weyand , pryce thair of, iij lib. Item, ane counjett hol-land cloth bed, pryce £, iij<sup>o</sup> lib. Item, the remanent of hir vancill and domboll, with abalzementis, estimat to lii lib.

Summa of the Inventar, £ xx lib<sup>o</sup> x lib. xii<sup>o</sup> £.





Dettis awand to the dead.

Imprimis, be the tennentis of elster Cadder, &c.

Item, be the airis, executouris and intromettaris with the gailis and gear of vngquill Dame Jeane Hameltraune Lady Ros, as left be hir in legacie to the said vngquill dame Margaret and hir said husband, one silver haisoune, one silver luyver, twelfe silver spunis, weyand , pryce lii<sup>s</sup> xxxiii lib. vii. viii<sup>d</sup>. Item, als melle the tapestrie as wald hing tua chamberis, pryce iiij<sup>s</sup> lb. Item one greine dames had, vis bedis, bousteris, coelis with blankettis, with one greine dames mat, fyve pair of greine dames courtines, pryce iii<sup>s</sup> lib.

Summa of the dettis awand to the dead, j<sup>m</sup> ix<sup>s</sup> liii lib. vii. viij<sup>d</sup>

Summa of the Inventar thairwith, iiij<sup>s</sup> ix<sup>s</sup> xliii j<sup>m</sup>

Dettis awand be the dead.

Imprimis to Marie Stirling, sister to the said Sir George, x<sup>s</sup> lib. Item to Jeanne Sterling, dochter to vngquill Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir, knyght, iiij<sup>s</sup> lib. Item to David Drummond of Comrie, i<sup>m</sup> iiij<sup>s</sup> xxiiij lib. vii. viij<sup>d</sup>. Item to Johne Flemyng in Falkirk, Johne Cowane burges in Stirling, and M<sup>r</sup> George Muschet at Donyng, and ilk one of thame, vii. iiij<sup>s</sup> vi lib. xiiij. 4<sup>d</sup>. Inde j<sup>m</sup> lib.

Summa of the dettis awand be the dead, xvij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>s</sup> xxxiiij lib. vii. viij<sup>d</sup>

Debita excedunt bona.

Confirmatioun — I M<sup>r</sup> Johne Rollok Commissar of Dunblane efter haifull citatioun, &c. Dated at Dunblan 5<sup>th</sup> Apryle 1637.

CONTRACT OF MARRIAGE between Archibald Stirling, eldest son of Sir John Stirling of Garden, Knight, and Elizabeth Murray, eldest daughter of Sir Patrick Murray of Elibank, Knight, 24<sup>th</sup> June 1637.

212. At Edinburgh, the twentie fourt day of Junij, the zeir of God 1<sup>st</sup> VI: threttie sevin zeiris: It is appoyntit, agreeit, and finally contractit betwixt the parties following, to wit, the right honorabill Sir Johne Stirling of Garden Knycht, for himself and takand the burding vpon him for Archibald Stirling his eldest haifull sone, and likewise the said Archibald for himself, with consent of his said father, as haifull administrator to him for his entres, and thairwith one consent and assent, on the one part, and the right honorable Sir Patrick Murray of Elibank knycht baronnet, for hims if and behald the banding vpon him the Elizabeth Murray, his eldest haifull dochter, greengait becom him and vngquill Dame Elizabeth Dundas his second spouse, and likewise the said



Elizabeth Murray for hir self, with consent of hir said father, on the vther part, in maner, forme, and effect as efter followis: That is to say, The saidis Archibald Stirling and Elizabeth Murray, with consent of their fatheris abouenomit, faithfullie promitt and bind and obleiss them, be the faith and treuth of their hodes, to solemnizat and compleit the band of mariage ather of them with vtheris in face of holie kirk, as Goddis word dois allow, betuixt the daie hereof and the first day of August nextcum, but langer delay. In contemplation of the quhilk marriage, and befor the solemnizatione thair of, and for the tocher vnderwritin beirby promittit and appoyntit to be payit be the said Sir Patrik Murray with his said dochter, to the said Sir Johne Stirling, the said Sir Johne binds and obleisses him, his aires and successouris, with all convenient diligence to dewlie and lauffullie infest and sais, be charter and saisng, titulo oneroso, in dew and competent forme the said Archibald Stirling and the said Elizabeth Murray his promiseist spous, in her pure virginitie, the longest livear of them twa in conjunct flo, and the aires maill lauffullie to be gairin betuixt them, quhilkis fulzeing the said Archibald Stirling his narrest and lauffull aires maill and assigneyes quhatstanevir heretablie, in all and hail the toure, fortalice, and place of Garden, with the maynes, tua croffis and milne thair of, and their pertinentis, and the landis of Middill Garden, with the pertinentis thair of, &c. . . . And in like maner, the said Sir Johne Stirling with consent of the said Archibald Stirling his sone and lykevyis the said Archibald for him self, (now as gif he war alredie infest and saisit in the landis of Vchiltreis efter-spezifit in maner vnderwritin and then as now,) with consent of his said father as lauffull administratour to him for his entree, bind and obleis them conjunctlie and suerallie, their aires and successouris, with all convenient diligence, to dewlie and lauffullie infest and sais, be charter and saisng, titulo oneroso, in dow and competent forme, the said Elizabeth Murray, in her pure virginitie, in lyfrent, for all the dayes of hir lyfytme, efter the deedis of the said Archibald Stirling his promiseist spous, in case it sall happin hir to survive him, in all and hail ane annuelrent of tua chabberis victuall guid and sufficient stuff, half beir half meale, zeirle to be vplfitt, betuixt the foirsais of Zale and Candilmes, furth of all and hail the landis of Vchiltreis Elster and Wester, colles, coill-heuches, milne, milnehandis, moutouris, sequellis, paintis, pandiches, and pertinentis thair of quhatsumevir, or furth of ony part thair of, lyand within the said shinglome of Strive-ling, and to be delyverit zeirle the tyme foirsaid at Edinburgh or Leith, or ony vther part within ten myles about or distant fra the saidis landis of Vchiltreis, free of all charges and expensis . . . . And siche the said Sir Johne Stirling to thir presentis sellis, assignis, and dispones to and in favouris of his sone and his said promiseist spous, and their foirsaidis, the hall plaintiffs being, alsweill outicht as insicht



piennischding, and the haill cornes, hees, nolt, scheipe and vtheris guides and gear perteneng to the said Sir Johne, presentlie being within the said maner place of Garden or vpon the ground of the landis of the maynes thairof, to be introuetrit with, visit and dispoenit vpon be the said Archibald Stirling, and his said promeist spous and thair foirsaidis at thair pleasour . . . . Reseruaund lykewaxis power to the said Schir John Stirling to provyde his spous gif any it sall happin him hereafter to marie in lyfrent douring all the dayes of her lyfetyne efter the deceis of the said Schir Johne, in ane annueirent or zeirle dewtie of aucht hundreth merkis money foirsaid, zeirle to be vplifit and tane at tua termes in the zeir, Witsonday and Mertines in winter, be equall portiones furth of all and haill the saidis landis of Vchiltreis Elster and Wester . . .

. . . . And becaus the haill landis, teindis, and vtheris abowowrittin ar be the taille abouespecificit provydit to the aires maill of the said Archibald Stirling in maner abouementionat, quhairby the aires femaill, gif any beis, gottin of the said mariage will be altogidder debarrit frome succeribing thairto, thairfor it is hereby provydit, lyke the said Archibald Stirling, with consent of his said father as lawfull administrator to him for his entres, bindis and oblaissis him, and his aires maill and of taille foirsaidis, to content and pay to the daughteris ane or mair to be gottin of the said mariage, fallzeing of aires maill of the saiden mariage, the sowme of money efter mentionat, in maner efter specificit, viz.: if thair be one, to hir the sowme of twentie thousand merkis money foirsaid, and if thair be twa, to them the sowme of twentie foure thousand merkis, whereof to the eldest fytene thousand merkis, and to the youngest nyne thousand merkis, and if thair be thrie, to them the sowme of twentie thousand pundis money foirsaid, thairof to the eldest fytene thousand merkis and the remanent thairto to be diuydit equallie betwixt the vther twa, and if thair be four or mair to them twentie thousand pundis, thairof to the eldest twelf thousand merkis, and the rest to be equallie diuydit amongis them, and that efter they sall attaine to thair ages of fyttyne zeiris: And in the meane tyme, quhill they attaine to thair saidis ages of fyttyne zeiris, to edueit and interteinie them hospitallie and vertuouslie in meat drink and abulhermentis according to thair rank and degree . . . . For the quhillis causes, the said Sir Patrik Murray bindis and oblaissis him his aires, successouris, and executouris, to make gubd and thankfull payment to the said Sir Johne Stirling, in name of tocher with the said Elizabeth Murray his daughter, of the sowme of ten thousand pundis money foirsaid . . . . In witness quhairof both the saidis parties haue subscrievit thair presentis with thair handis, written be Mr. George Jamson, scrivator to Mr. Francis Hay of Dalhousie wraitten to his Majesties signet, day, zeir and place respective foirsaidis, befor thir witnesses, Sir George Stirling of Keir knight, William Drummond of





Rickartoun. Walter Murray of Livingstoun. Sir Johne Murray, gentleman of his majesties privie chamber. Mungo Stirling of Glorat, Patrik Scot, wrighter in Edinburgh.

S<sup>r</sup> G. S. KEIR Witnesses.

S<sup>r</sup> J. STERLING.

W. D. RICKARTOUNE Witnessse.

S. P. MURRAY.

S. J. MURRAY VITRES

AR<sup>t</sup> STIRLING.

W. MURRAY WITNES

ELIZABETH MURRAY.

MUNGO STIRLING WITNES.

PATRICK SCOTT WITNES.

CONTRACT of MARRIAGE between Sir John Stirling of Garden, Knight, and Margaret Bruce, daughter of the deceased Sir John Bruce of Kineavill, 15th October 1638.

213. AT Kineavill and Edinburgh, the thirettin day of October, the zeir of God 48 VI: and threttie eight zeires. It is appoyntit contractit and finally agriat and conlit to beix the honorabil pairties following, to witt, Sir Johne Stirling of Garden knyght, with speciall advyse consent and assent of Archibald Stirling, feir of Garden, his eldest laiffull sone and appeirand air, on the one pairt, and Margaret Bruce, laiffull dochter to vngquile Sir John Bruce of Kineavill knyght, with speciall advyse, consent, and assent of Dame Jeane Drummond, Lady Kineavill, hir mother, M<sup>r</sup> Robert Bruce maister at Aberdeen, M<sup>r</sup> Walter and William Bruces, laiffull sones to the said vngquile Sir John Bruce hir brethren, and the saidis M<sup>r</sup> Robert and Walter and William Bruces for themselves, and takend burling on thame for the said Margaret Bruce, thair sister, and scholr for hir-self with thair consent, and they all with one consent and assent on the other pairt, in maner forme and effect following, that is to say, the said Sir Johne Stirling and the said Margaret Bruce hes acceptit and takin, and be thir presentis acceptis and takis, ilk one of thame witheris, for thair laiffull mariet spouses, and sail, God willing, solemnise and accomplishe the holy band of marlage, ilk one of thame with witheris, in face of Chrystis churche, conforme to the ordour observitt, and that beix the deit heiroff and the                      day of                      nixteenm: In contemplation of the quilk marriage, the saidis M<sup>r</sup> Robert, M<sup>r</sup> Walter, and William Bruces, be thir presentis bindis and obleissis thame, thair aires executouris and successouris, communellie and severallie, at the compleiting and solemnizeing of the said marlage, that they sail beix quid and thankfull payment to the said Sir Johne Stirling, his aires or assignayes, of the sounne of four thowsand merkis scottis money, as the just and equall hold of the sounne off aueit thowsand merkis money promittit in toger good to the said Sir Johne Stirling with the said Margaret Bruce his future spouse; as also the saidis M<sup>r</sup> Robert, M<sup>r</sup> Walter



and Williame Bruce . . . . to be bund . . . . to content pay and delyver to the said Sir Johne Stirling, his aires or assignayes, the soume of wther four thousand merkis money fairsaid, in compleit payment of the said soume of aucht thowsand merkis, promittit in tocher guid in maner fairsaid, betuix the dair heirop and the feast and terme of Witsonday nixtoeum, I<sup>n</sup> VI<sup>th</sup> threentie nyne zaines, but langer delay . . . . For the quhilkis caussis, the said Sir Johne Stirling bindis and obliessis him his aires and successouris, that ssa soone as the said haill soume of aucht thowsand merkis money fairsaid salbe fullie payit to him, that he sall employ and bestow the samyn haill soume vpon land or annuement, quhair most commodiouslie the samyn may be had, for infetment and securitie to be had thidroff, and to be maid and grauntit to the said Sir Johne Stirling, and to the said Margaret Bruce his future spous, and to the longest leiver of thame twa in comuettie or lyfrent, and to the aires to be gottin betuix thame, quhilkis failzeing to the said Sir Johne Stirling his narrest and lauffull aires and assignayes quhatsumever; and that be the sycht and adlyse of the saidis Mr Robert and William Bruce, as freindis nominat and condescendit vpon, at quhair instance the executione of this present contract is ordanit to be direct for implement and fulfilling of swa far beiroff as is conceavit in favouris of the said Margaret Bruce . . . . And farder the said Sir Johne Stirling bindis and obliessis him and his fairsaidis, with consent of the said Archibald Stirling his sone, to infet and seas the said Margaret Bruce in lyfrent during all the dayes of hir lyfytyme, in all and haill an anwelrent of aucht hundreth merkis scottis money zeirliche to be vplifit . . . . furth of all and haill the landis of Welflirie . . . . lyend within the parochine and shireffdom of Linlythgow . . . . And farder . . . . that quhatsumever landis, heretagis, anwelrentis and soumes of money it sallhappin him to conquest or acqyre in any tyme cumeing during the mariage standig betuix him and the said Margaret Bruce his future spous, that he sall provyde the samyn to himself and to the bairnes to be procreat betuix him and the said Margaret, quhilkis failzeing to the said Sir Johne his narrest and lauffull aires and assignayes quhatsumever; And it is heirby speciallic provydit and declarit that incedee thair sallhappin any bairnes to be procreat of the said mariage contraictit heirby, that the fairsaid annuement of aucht hundreth merkis zeirliche to be vplifit furth of the saidis landis of Welflirie, with the annuement of the said aucht thowsand merkis of tocher to be employit as said is, shal be in full satisfactioun and contentatioun to the said Margaret Bruce of all force, comuetties or wtheris that schew can anyman ask, erone, or sure, be thowis of the said Sir Johne Stirling, incedit it sallhappin hir to survive him . . . . In witness quhairto writtin be Williame Ros, servitour to Hew Ros wryter in Baith, the saidis parties . . . . have subscriyvit



thir presentis with their handis, dayis, monethis, zeir and place respective forsaidd, befor thir witnessis, Archbald Kincaid and John Brotherstonis, servitouris to the said Sir John Stirling, Mr William Hay, Advocate, Wall on Dundas, brother to George Dundas of Dundelstoun, and the said William Ros wyter beiroff.

ARCHBALD KINCAID WITNES.

J. STERLING.

JOHNE BROTHERSTONES WITNES.

M. BRUCE.

JEANE DRUMMOND.

M. ROBERT BRUCE.

W. BRUCE.

TESTAMENT of Sir John Stirling of Gardene, Knight, confirmed, 29th May 1643.

214. THE testament datine and Inventar of the guidis, geir, sounes of money and debitis pertaining to vnpquhill Sir Johane Stirling of Gardene, knycht, the tyne of his deceis, quha deceist vpon the fyffteine day of Apryle, In VI<sup>th</sup> flactie thrie zeiris, faithfullie maid and givine vp be William Stirling only uniere for himself within the countrie, and in name and behalf of James Stirling lykways majore without the countrie, and in name and behalf of Alexander Stirling minor within the countrie, sounes lawfull to the said vnpquhill Sir Johane Stirling: quhilkis William, James and Alexander Stirlings are only executoiris datines, decernit to thair said vnpquhill father be the roit of the Commissaris of Edinburgh, as the songn, of the date the twentie fourt day of Maie, the zeir of God foirsaid, mair fullie proportis:

In the first, the said vnpquhill Sir Johane Stirling had the guidis, geir, sounes of money and debitis, of the awail and pryces eftir following, pertaining to him the tyne of his deceis foirsaid, viz. Imprimis, fyve mark hors and meiris pouner and guld, pryce of the peice ourhead twentie pund, summa, ane hundredth pundis. Item, twelf oxine zoung and old, at twentie pund the peice, summa, tua hundredth flactie pundis. Item, aucht kyne zoung and old, pryce of the peice twentie merkis, summa, ane hundredth sex pund, thretteine schillinges four pennies. Item, twentie four schep at thrie pund the peice ourhead, summa, thrie score twelf pund. Item, sawine vponne the ground thrie score ten bollis aitis, estimat to the thrid corne, extending to tua hundredth ten bollis aitis, pryce of the boll with the fadder, fyve pundis, summa, ane thousand fyfte pundis. Item, mair sawine thrie score bollis quinat, estimat to the fourt corne, extending to twentie aicht bollis quinat, pryce of the boll with the fadder, ten merkis, summa, tua hundredth thirscore merkis. Item, mair sawine thrie fyve bollis half boll



peis, estimat to the four corne extending to twentie a bollis peis, pryce of the boll with the felder, aucht merkis, summa, ane hundreth, sevineine pund, sex schillinges, aucht pennies. Item standing in the barne zeir, fourtie bollis ditis, pryce of the boll sevine pund, summa, twa hundreth fourseoir pundis. Item, naer standing thair, aucht bollis gheir, pryce of the boll nyne pundis, summa, thrie seoir twelf pundis. Item in vtenceillis and dometicillis to the abailzementis of his body, by the aireschipe, estimat to the soume of aucht hundreth pundis.

Summa of the Inventar iii<sup>l</sup> xxiii<sup>l</sup> xiii<sup>l</sup> iii<sup>l</sup>

Follwis the debtis awin to the deid.

Item thair wes resting auchtand to the said vintquill Sir Johane Stirling by and remanent tenentis and possessouris of the landis of Ochiltrie and Dechmont &c.

Summa of the debtis awin to the deid, iii<sup>l</sup> iii<sup>l</sup> lxxiii<sup>l</sup> iii<sup>l</sup> iii<sup>l</sup>

Summa of the Inventar with the debtis, viii<sup>l</sup> iii<sup>l</sup> lxxviii<sup>l</sup> xvi<sup>l</sup> viii<sup>l</sup>

Follwis the debtis awin be the deid.

Item thair wes awin be the said vintquill Sir Johane Stirling, To David Duncanservand, of the four seoir pundis. Item, to Johane Norie servand of the, ten pundis. Item, to David Walker servand of the, thrie pundis. Item, to Archibald Hunter servand of the, foure pundis. Item, to Janet Muir servatrix of the, sex pund threiteine schillinges four pennies. Item, to Janet Ritchie servand of the, four pund. Item, to Agnes Ricide servand of the, four pund. Item, to James Powells, maister, for the law dewty of the Landis of Dechmont, twentie nine pund sex schillinges aucht pundis. Item, to

Minister of Levingstone, for the defunctis part of his zeiris stipend, thrie seoir twelf pund aichtieine schillinges. Item, to the minister off Lynlythgow, for his stipend, ane hundreth twentie aucht pundis for ane chaldar of meill and four aucht pund the boll ourhead. Item, to James Brydgett, merchand, for ane zeiris outill of the defunctis chalmir in Edinburch, Threitie pundis money.

Summa of the debtis awin be the deid, iii<sup>l</sup> lxxi<sup>l</sup> xviii<sup>l</sup>

Restis of frie gear, the debtis d'auoir, viii<sup>l</sup> xxvi<sup>l</sup> xviii<sup>l</sup> viii<sup>l</sup>

To be diuydit in thrie pairtis, deidis pairtis iii<sup>l</sup> iii<sup>l</sup> xvii<sup>l</sup> vi<sup>l</sup> iii<sup>l</sup>

We, Mr Thomas Aikinhead, Mr Johane Nesbitt, Mr David Falconer, and Mr Robert Nicolsons Commissaris of Edinburgh. Sir Archibald Stirling of Garthly Coutour. Subscribed by Vintquill Norie, clerk depuie of the said Commissariat, at Edinburgh, the xxix May 1643.





## TESTAMENT of Sir Archibald Stirling of Gardenn, 16th October 1643.

215. I SIR ARCHIBALD STIRLING of Gardenn, being for the present of intent and purpose to depart out of this kingdome, and also, pleased by God, being perfect in body and maine, makis my letter will and testament as follows: I nominate John Stirling my sone to be my onlie executor and intromitor with my goods, gearre and detts, and during the tyme of his minority and les age, I nominate Patrick Lord Ellbank, Sir Georg Stirling of Keire, William Drummond of Riccartoun, Sir Walter Murray of Livingstone, Mungo Stirling of Gloratt, and James Stirling my brother, tutors testamenters to him, and the Laird of Keire to be one sine quo non, and tending of him by decess, my Lord Ellbank and the Laird of Riccartoun, or either of them. In witness whereof thir presents wreath and subscribed with my hand at Edinburgh, the 16 day of October 1643 years.

S. ART STIRLING.

CONTRACT of MARRIAGE between Sir Archibald Stirling of Gardenn, Knight, and Mauss Murray, daughter of the deceased Sir James Murray of Kilbuckerton, 24th June 1643.

216. At Edinburgh, the twentieth fourt day of Junii, the zeir of God 1643, fourtie sex zeiris. It is acquaintit agreeit and finally contractit betuix the parties following, they ar to say, Sir Archibald Stirling of Gardenn Knight, on the one part, and Mauss Murray, lawfull dochter to vnaquhill Sir James Murray of Kilbuckerton Knight, procreit betuix him and Dame Katharine Weir his spouse, now Lady Ellbank, with expresse advyse and consent of the said Dame Katharine hir mother, and of James Murray of Kilbuckerton hir brother, quha and their airis sall have power to see the execution, implement and fulfilling of this present contract in the hail heidis and continuance thairof consave in favouris of the said Mauss, and the said Dame Katharine Weir for hir self, with expresse advyse and consent of our noble Lord, Patrick Lord Ellbank, now hir spons for his entres, on the vther part: in maner following, that is to say, The said Sir Archibald Stirling and the said Mauss Murray with consent forecald has acceptit and be thir presentis acceptis aither of thame wheris for thair lawfull spouses, and faithfull promittis bindis and oblisis thame to accept and solemnize the bond of matrimoine betuix thame in face of hollie kirk as the ordour thairof requires, and that betuix the thir heiref and the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ nextcomin, or sooner as



sall be thoct expedient be baith the saidis pairties. In contemplation of the quhill marriage, and for the sowme of money afterspecificit to be payit be the said Dame Katharine Weir to the said Sir Archibald Sterling in name of tocher as follows: the said Sir Archibald be thir presentis bindis and obbeis him his airis and successouris, to infeft . . . the said Mauss Murray, in hir pure virginite, in lyfrent for all the dayis of hir lyfetime, in all and haill the Landis and Barone of Polmaise, &c. . . quhillis pertenuit befoir to vnpayhill Sir Johne Murray of Tosehadame Knight and Sir William Murray his sone, heretablie, and wer disposit be thame to vnpayhill Johne Cunynghame of Drumphussill, and thairafter pertenuit to James Cunynghame his sone, all lyand on the northsyd of the water of Bannokburne . . . And lykwayis the said Sir Archibald Sterling be thir presentis bindis and obbeis him his airis, executouris, and assigneris, successouris to him in his landis and heritagis, to content and thankfullie pay to the sone and air maill to be procreat betuix him and the said Mauss Murray his future spous, all and haill the sowme of threitie sex thousand merkis money of this realme in maner and at the termes following, viz. thair of the sowme of aughtene thousand merkis money fairsaid immediatlie efter the said sone and air maill sall be of the aige of fourtene zeiris, and the remanent of the said sowme, extending to vther aughtene thousand merkis, immediatlie efter the said air maill to be gotten as said is sall be of the aige of aughtene zeiris, togidder with the ordinar annual rent and profit of the saidis sowmes, zeirle and termle at Wirsouday and Mertynes proportionallie, sua lang as the samyn sell remaine vnpayit efter the termes above specificit appointit for payment thair of. And it is evinrit and agreeit betuix the saidis pairties be expres conditionis befoir, that in case it sall happen the said Sir Archibald at the pleasour of God to depairt this lyfe, befoir his said sone and air maill, to be procreat betuix him and his said future spous, sall attene to the aige of seven zeiris, that than and in that case the said Mauss Murray, mother to the said air maill, sall be haldin and obbeist and be thir presentis with consent fairsaid, bindis and obbeis him in the said caise, to interten hir said sone quhill his said aige of seven zeiris, and siclyk efter his said aige of seven zeiris, sche also bindis and obbeis him to interteyn hir said sone quhill his said aige of fourtene zeiris, for the quhill intertenyment of hir said sone efter his said aige of seven zeiris, the said Sir Archibald and his airis sall be haldin and obbeist to assigne and dispone, lykas he in the said caise be thir presentis assignes and dispoones to the said Mauss Murray his future spous, the haill rest of the rentis and dewties of the saidis landis of Southfield with thair pertinentis dew and belounging to him, mair nor exceeds the saidis thrie chaildres mair above specificit quhairin sche is appointit to be infeft as said is, and that of all crops and zeiris efter



the said air maill sall attene to the aige of sevin zeiris quhill his said aige of fourtene zeiris, and sall mak sub-scrive and delyver to hir sufficient assignation and disposition of the said rest of the rentis and dewties of the lands fairsaidis the space abowenwritin in the calice abovementionat: And sielyk it is specially convinet and agreeit betuix the saidis parties be expres conditioun heirof, that incheit it sall happin that thair be no sones and airis maill procreat betuix the said Sir Archibald and the said Mauss his future spous to succedd to the said threttie sex thousand merkis, bot dochteris and bairnes femaill procreat betuix thame, than and in that calice the said Sir Archibald bindis and obleis him his airis and successours to him in his lands' escheit and levying to content and thankfullie pay to the saidis dochteris and bairnes femaill to be procreat of the said mariage betuix him and his said future spous for their help and provision the sowmes of money following, viz. gif thair be bot one dochter and bairne femaill, to content and pay to hir the sowme of twentie thowsand merkis money: gif thair be twa, to content and pay to thame the sowme of twentie four thousand merkis, quhairof to the eldest the sowme of ten thowsand pundis, and to the youngest the sowme of nyne thowsand merkis: gif thair be thrie, to content and pay to thame the sowme of threttie thowsand merkis, quhairof to the eldest the sowme of fourtene thowsand merkis, to the second the sowme of nyne thowsand merkis, and to the youngest the sowme of sevin thousand merkis: and gif there be mair nor thrie, to content and pay to thame the sowme of threttie sex thousand merkis money of this realm, quhairof to the eldest the sowme of twelf thowsand merkis money fairsaid, and to the remanent of the saidis dochteris the remanent of the said sowme, extending to twentie four thowsand merkis money, equalie and proportionallie amangis thame, and that so soon as they sall be of the aige of fyftene zeiris complet. For the quhillis causes the said Dame Katharine Weir Lady Ellbank, with expres auyse and consent of the said Patrik Lord Ellbank hir spous, for his entres, as principall, and the said James Murray of Kilbaberntown hir sone, as cautionar and squire for hir, be thir presentis bindis and obleis thame, baith principal and cautionar, their airis, executouris and assignayis conjunctlie and severallie, to content and thankfullie pay to the said Schir Archibald Sterling his airis executouris or assignayis, in name of tackar with the said Mauss Murray hir dochter, all and heill the sowme of auctene thousand merkis money fairsaid . . . . In witness heirof baith the saidis parties and cautionar has sub-scrivyit their presentis with their handis, writtin be George Sibbald scrivener to James Leitch wryter to the signet, day, zeir and place fairsaidis, befor thir witnesses, Sir George Stirling of Keir knight, William Drummond of Riccarton, Sir William Dick of Braid knight, Sir Lewis Stewart of Kirkhill knight, John Hopbaine of





Aderstoun, William Murray sent to the said Lord Elphinst. M. Lwes Stewart sent to the said Sir Lwes, and the said John Leirmont.

G. KEIR Witness.

W. D. RICARTONE Witness.

S<sup>r</sup> WILLIAM DICK Witness.

S. L. STUART Witness.

L. STUART Witness.

J. HEBBURNE Witness.

WILLIAM MURRAY Witness.

JO. LEIRMONT Witness.

S. AR<sup>d</sup> STILLING.

MAIES MURRAY.

KATHERINE WEIR.

ELEBANK GOLSCHINS.

J. MURRAY.

Commission by the Shire of Stirling to Sir George Stirling of Keir, Knight, and Sir Mungo Stirling of Glorat, Knight: [between 25th March and 19th August 1652.]

217. WE vnderwriters, of the Shierdom of Stirling, being autherized and requyred by the Parliament of the Common walth of England to elect two persones of knowin integritie, and who have declared their consent that Scotland be incorporat into and maid on Common walth with England: with power on our behalf to meet with the rest of the Deputies of Shyres and Burrowes at Edinburgh at or befor the nyntieth day of August, on thousand six hundreth fiftie two: and ther, by vote of the major part of Deputies present, to elect fourteen persones to represent all the shyres of Scotland, consentinge to the union as afforsaid, and seven persones to represent all the burroughes consentinge as afforsaid, to attend the Parliament of England, or such as they shall appoynt: as is directett by ther Declarationne, beeinge daite the fyve and twentieth day of Marche, on thousand six hundreth fiftie and two: and to have full power for effectinge the matteres expressed in the said Declarationne: Doe give and grant, for ws and in our name, and in the name and behalf of the said shyre, unto Sir George Stirling of Keir knight, and Sir Mungo Stirling of Glorat, knight, full power to attend the Parliament of England, or such persones as they shall appoynt, for effectinge the matteres expressed in the said Declarationne, and to doe all thinges requysit for the perfytinge of the said union: Holdinge firm and stabill what shall be so done by our saides Deputies, to all intents and purposes as if we our selves had bein in person present and done the same.

WILLIAM BALZILL

S<sup>r</sup> AL. STILLING

J. SEITOURN

S<sup>r</sup> JO. ROBERT of Bannockburne

S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> LIVINGSTONE of Wastquhar

W<sup>m</sup> LIVINGSTONE



SE ALEX <sup>r</sup> LIVINGSTON.	W <sup>r</sup> CALANDEL.
RO <sup>r</sup> ROLOCK.	J. GUNLAY.
JO <sup>r</sup> SHORT.	RO <sup>r</sup> FORRESTER.
LACHIE of that ilk.	RO <sup>r</sup> FORRESTER.
THO. BRUCE.	JAMES ALEX <sup>r</sup> .
JAMES LENOX.	JOHN BALADEIN.
A <sup>rd</sup> ROW.	JO. BUCHANAN.
JAMES STERLING.	J. FORRESTER.
JAMES CUTHILL.	JOHN STERLING of Harboursay.
JOHN STARK.	JOHN LINDY of Brendogill.
DAVID FORRESTER.	WALTER BUCHANAN.
DAVID MUIRHEAD.	A <sup>rd</sup> ROW.
ALEX <sup>r</sup> CALLANDER.	JAMES MUNIEITH.
ALEX <sup>r</sup> LIVINGSTON.	W <sup>r</sup> DICK.
ALEX <sup>r</sup> SIMERVILLE.	JO. BUCHANAN.
JOHN FORRESTER.	

DECLARATION by Sir James Levingstone of Kilsyth and Sir Mungo Stirling of Ghorat.  
1652.

218. WHEREAS wee ar informed that Mr. William Freir, one of the subcommissionars for sequestration, hes call'd for the rentall of the lands belonging to Sir George Stirling of Keir, as falling vnder the compas of Sequestration, for having entered England with the King and Army, and the said Maister William Freir gives us the proofes and informers, that the said Sir George entered England: —

I Sir James Levingstone of Kilsyth, doe vpon my honour and conscience declair, that the said Maister William Freir is a persone altogether vnkawen to me, and that I never spok with him in that nor no other particular. KILSYTH.

And in lyk maner, I Sir Mungo Stirling of Ghorat, doe declair vpon my honour and conscience, that Sir George Stirling entered not England at all. As witness this presents subscriev'd at Edinburgh, the       day of       , one thousand six hundred fiftie two year s. I for this witnesses, William Drummond of Riccartune, John Stirling and Archibald Stirling.

S. M. STIRLING.



ORDER by the Commissioners on Forfeited Estates, to Respite the Estates of Sir George Sterlinge and Sir Mungo Sterlinge from Sequestration, 15th September 1652.

By the Commissioners for Confiscate and Forfeited Estates, etc., in Scotland.  
Li-th, 15th September 1652.

219. WHEREAS the Estates of Sir George Sterlinge Laird of Kierr, and Sir Mungo Sterlinge Laird of Glaratt, haue lately been sequestered, as persons that entred England with the Scots Armye that went to Worcester; and for as much as they offered to prooue, that at that time of the Armies advance into England, they deserted the same certeyne miles on this side the English borders: vppon hearinge their witnesses, who giving this testimony that they were not vppon English ground; and they prayinge that accordingly theyr Estates might bee freed from Sequestration:

Ordered—

That the sayd Estates of Sir George Sterlinge and Sir Mungo Sterlinge be respited at present from sequestration, and the Sub-Commissioners in that precinct are hereby desired and required to forebore the same: alwayes provided that the sayd Sir George Sterlinge and Sir Mungo Sterlinge giue in securitye to the said Sub-Commissioners, to the Keepers of the Liberties of England, &c., to the use of the Commonwealth, to be responsible for the rents of their sayd estates, as also of theyr personall estates, accordinge to the Inventory already taken by the said Sub-Commissioners, from this day, in case hierafter they or eyther of them shall bee proouen to haue entred England with the late Kinge of Scots.

ED. BYLES.

R. SALTONSTALL.

SA. DISBROW.

Pass by Oliver Cromwell to Sir George Sterlyn, 14th October 1653.

220. THESE are to require all Officers and Souldiers vnder my command, to permit and suffer this Bearer, Sir George Sterlyn, and his servant, with thaire horses, travelling armes, and necessaries, quietly to passe from London into Scotland, and to returne, without any trouble or molestacion: And I doe hereby require all Mayors, Bayliffs, Postmasters, Constables, and other Officers, whome it may concerne, to furnish the said Sir George Sterlyn with three or more able post horses, and a guide from stage to stage from London into Scotland and back again: he paying the usual rates for the same.



Hereof you are not to faile. Given vnder my hand and seale, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 1653.



*Thomas Nicolson*

CONTRACT of MARRIAGE between Sir George Stirling of Keir, Knight, and Anna Nicolson, second daughter of the deceased Sir Thomas Nicolson of Carnock, Knight, 2nd February 1654.

221. At Edinburgh, the second day of February, the year of God 1654, fyfte four yeires. It is appointit, contractit, and finally agreed betwixt the honorable parties undernamed, to witt, Sir Georg Stirling of Keir knight, on the one part, and Anna Nicolson, second lawfull daughter to the deceased Sir Thomas Nicolson of Carnock knight baronnet, with advyse and consent of Dame Isobell Henrysone hir mother, and of Sir Thomas Nicolson, now of Carnock, knight barronnet, hir brother german, on the other part, in maner, forme and effect as after followes: That is to say, the saids Sir Georg Stirling and Anna Nicolson with advyse and consent foresaid has taken and acceptit, and be thir presents takes and acceptis others for their lawfull spouses and faithfullie promiss to marie, solemnizat and compleit the lawfull band of matrimonic, either of them with others, betwixt and the                      day of                      six to come, or sooner, as the saids parties shall think expedient. In contemplation of the which marriage, the said Sir Georg Stirling of Keir knight, be the tennor hereof faithfullie, binds and obleis him and his heirs and successors whatsumaever, with al convenient dilligence, duellie, variablie, and sufficientlie, to infeft and sease, be charter and sasine in due and competent forme, for the tocher after speciēt, the said Anna Nicolson his future spous, in hir pure virginitie, before the compleiting of the said marriage, in lyfrent for all the dayes of hir lyfetime, in                      the lands of Aulikeir, &c. And to the effect the said Sir Georg his heall old estate, lands and living now pertaining to him, with all and whatsumeuer conceits to be maid and acquired be him during his said mariag with the said Anna, may and sall come and belong to the heirs maill lawfullie to be gairn betwixt him and the said Anna Nicolson his future





spous, which fullieing to his nearest laifull airs maill to be gotten of his bodye, which fullieing to his other airs maill, taylie and provision remaine or to be nominat be him be any tailzie or provision maid or to be maid be the said Sir Georg there-  
 ament: the said Sir Georg binds and obblisssis him and his forsaidis not to dispone, give nor provyde any of his old living and esait, nor of any conquests to be maid be him during the said marriage, to no bairn nor bairnes to be gotten be the said Sir Georg with any other spouse or spouses to be married be him, if any be efter the deceis of the said Anna, in prejudice of the airs maill to be gotten betuixt him and the said Anna his future spouse, their succession therin and heriicking thereof after him: Alwayses this clause, and taylie or provision maid or to be maid to the effect foresaid, no wayes to hinder nor prejudgeth the said Sir Georg in vseing and disposing vpon his esait as he shall have necessarily to doe in his said lyfytyme and will think fitt, nor prejudgeth the airs maill to be gotten betuixt him and the said Anna be giving provyding or disposing of any of his said esait, or conquests to be maid in the said marriage, to any bairn or bairnes to be gotten in any other of his marriages or marriages: And in case it shall happen that ther be no airs- maill gotten betuixt the said Sir Georg and his said future spouse in the said marriage to succeed to him in his lands and conquests foresaid, then and in that case the said Sir Georg binds and obblisssis him and his airs maill, taylie and provision succedding to him, to content and pay to the daughters one or more if any shall happen to be gotten in the said marriege the summes following, viz. if there be but one daughter to pay to hir the summe of twentie thousand merkis money of Scotland, and if there shall be two daughters to pay to them the summe of twentie thousand pounds money foresaid, wherof twelve thousand pounds to the eldest daughter, and aught thousand pounds to the youngest daughter: and if there shall be three or more daughters of the said marriege, then to pay to them the said summe of twentie thousand pounds, wherof the one half to the eldest and the other half to the rest of the said-daughters equallie amongst them at their ages of fyftein yeires compleir: and in that mean tyme the said Sir Georg, and his saids airs maill taylie and provision above writtin shall educat, and bring up, furvisch, maintain and sustein the saids daughters in meat and drink, cloathing, bedding, boardyng, learning, at schooles, and other vorrow, honestie and honourablie, according to their ranks and estats, of all yeires and termes continowallie from their fathers decess, whill they wynn to their aires successive foresaid, wherent they should have payment of the foresaid summes in manner respective above-mentionat . . . . And because it shall happen that ther be neither airs maill gotten in the said marriage to succeed the said Sir Georg in his old esait and conquests to be maid be him in the said marriage, nor yet no daughters to whom the foresaid summes les- or more shall be payed: then and in that case the said Sir Georg binds and obblis-



him and his aires and successors whatsumewer, thuch and lauffullie to infet and sene the said Anna Nicolson his future spous in lyfrent for all the dayes of her lyfetime, in all and heall the lands of Wester Colg, Welledg, Bearfothme and Westpothie, with their houses, biggings and pertinents whatsumewer, lyand within the said barony of Keir be annexation, and the said shireffdom of Perth, and that by and attour the forsaid former provision provydit to the said Anna of the forsaid other lands and reyns in lyfrent in maner forsaid and togither therewith . . . . For the which causes, and als forsameikle as be decreit and procees of apprysing led and deduced at the instance of the said Anna Nicolson, againes John Earl of Crawford and Lindsay before messenger and his colleges within the new Session hous of Edinburgh, vpane the first day of Junii 17 VI: fiftie three yiores, the said Anna obtained lauffillie apprysed to hir from the said John Earl of Crawford and Lindsay, and all others having or pretending to have intres, all and sundrie . . . . the lands and barony of Pitcrury &c. . . . Therfor and for the caussis above specifit, the said Anna Nicolson as having right in maner forsaid, sells, annuities, and dispons to the said Sir George Stirling of Keir knight and his aires and assignayes heretablie, all and sundrie the fairsaids lands, baronies, milnes, woods, fishings, reyns and others particularie and generallie above specifit, apprysed from the said John Earle of Crawford and Lindsay . . . . In vynes (quhairf written be Mr. William Cheislie servitor to John Simple writor to the signet) the saids pairties have subscrivit thir presents with their handis day, moneth, year of God, and place above writtin, befor thir witnesses, Sir Thomas Nicolson Lord Advocat, Sir James Foulis of Collingtoun knight, Sir Archibald Stirling of Carden, William Drumond of Rickartoun, Thomas Drumond bar thereof, Thomas Nicolson of Leswad, John Nicolson brother german to the said Thomas Nicolson, Alexander Drumond son to the said William Drumond of Rickartoun, th said John Simple, and Walter Ewing his servitor, and the said Mr. William Cheislie.

THO. NICOLSON witness.

S. JA. FOULLIS witness.

AR. STIRLING witness.

W. RICKARTOUN witness.

THOMAS DRUMOND witness.

THO. NICOLSON witness.

JOHN NICOLSON witness.

ALEXR. DRUMOND witness.

JOHN SIMPLE witness.

WILL. CHEISLIE witness.

W. EWING witness.

G. KEIR

A. NICOLSON.

THO. NICOLSON consents.

J. HENRYSON.



PETITION by David Lord Cardross, and Sir George Sterling of Keir, Knight, to the Protector's Council in Scotland, circa 1655.

222. To the Right Honorable His Highnes Councell in Scotland for the government thereof.  
The humble petition of David Lord Cardross, and Sir George Stirling of Keir, knight, for themselves, and in name and behalf of the wholl heritours and inhabitants of the parishes underwritten.

Humbly Sheweth.

That the parishes of Dunblane, Kilnabuck, Kincairdin, Port, Aberfuill, Calander, Kippen, Leckrop and Logie, ar within the shirreffdom of Perth, albeit some of the saids parishes be 36 myles distant from Perth, and the neirest of them be 24 miles thairfra: so that the heritors and inhabitants of the saids parishes, in the persut and defence of actiones, ar put to very great expensers throw ther distance from the heid burgh of the shire, wher the Court sitts: as also when poyndings ar used in these parishes, the poynded goods becomie useles to parties concerned, befor they can be caried to Perth, (which in such cases must be done). And in regard the fairsaid parishes ly contigue and adjacent to Stirling, some of them within 3 miles, and the farrest within ten miles, and that it wer a great ease to the people to be joyned to the shirreffdom of Stirling.

May it please your Lordships, for the good of the people, and because of the vicinity of the fairsaid parishes with Stirling, to joyne them to the shirreffdom of Stirling, and juris-diction thereof: and that your Lordships will exempt them from the iuris-diction of Perth. And they shall ever pray.

CARDROSS.

G. STERLING.

LICENCE by General Monk to Sir George Sterling, 6th November 1656.

223. PERMITT the Bearer heerof, Sir George Sterling, to keepe one horse above the value in the Proclamation, att Cadder, or Kiere, and to passe with the same about his occasions without molestation: hee engaging under his hand to Colonel Rode, to pay treble the value in case the same shall bee taken from him by the Enemy. Given under my hand and Seale att Dalkeith, the 6th day of November 1656.

To all Officers and Souldiers, and others  
whome these may concerne.

*George Monk*

Seal affixed. A Cheyeron between three Lion's heads crested. Crest a Wyvern.





Commission by the Shire of Linlithgow to Sir Archibald Stirling of Garden, Knight,  
27th January 1660.

224. WEE the Noblemen, Gentilmen and Heritours, with the Justices of Peace of the Shire of Linlithgow. Doe heirby give full power and commission to Sir Archibald Stirling of Garden knight, to convene and meet at Edinburgh, the second day of Februarij next, with the Commissioners of the other Shires of this Nation: and ther in our names and vpoun our behalfe, to propone, agitat, and give in articles and proposalls tending for the good and releife of this Nation, and pressing grievances and burdines thereon in generall, and on the estate of the Shirreffdomes, and our Shire in particular: and if it sal be thought necessarie and convennent, to make choyce of Commissioners, one or more, to represent by supplicationes, with instructiones of the same, to the parliament of England, or the Lord Generall Mouck, or any otheris who sall be impowred and commissionat from them; and to treat, voyte, and conclud in all thingis tending and conducing for the weill of this Nation in generall, and for the Shirreffdomes therof and our Shire in speciall: conforme to the particulars generally and particularly contained in the particular missive direct to ws for that effect: and to doe therein what with commune consent of the saids Commissionaris sall be found expedient to be done, sicklyk as we might doe ourselves if we wer personallie present: In witness quhairof we have subscrievyd thir presentis, at Linlithgow, the twentie seventh day of January, 1660.

MR W. SANDELANDIS.

J. FAIRHOLME.

THOMAS DRUMMOND.

JO. DUNDAS.

W. HAMILTON.

J. STEART.

W. COLUILL.

W. SCHAIRP.

ROB DRUMMOND.

J. LOCKHART.

THO. HAMILTON.

J. HAMILTON.

PATRIK MORAY.

SE L. STEART.

JA. DUNDAS.

WALTER KEE.

JO. HAY.

ANDRO RES.

JAMES HAMILTON.

R. HAMILTON.

PETITION by Sir Mungo Stirling of Gleratt to King Charles II. 1660.

225. To the King's Most Excellent Majestie, the Humble Petition of Sir Mungo Stirling  
of Gleratt.

In all humilitie sheweth,

That your petitioner having ingaged himselfe and friends in his late Majesties service, under the command of James Marquis of Montrose, was unfortunately teakne



prisoner at the battale of Philiphaugh, arried to the cite of Glasgow, and ther committed. During the tyme of his commitment his lands wer exceedingly wasted and spoyled throw quartring and plundring: and to fill up the cuppe of his suffering considerable fyne was imposed vpon him, which, with his former sufferings and times of late, did put his estate in such a tottering conditione as he was not able to keepe it from falling into peices.

And now since it hath pleased the Almighty to bestow your sacred Majestic vpon us as a returne from heauen of our teares and prayers: your petitioner doeth most humbly beseeche your Majestic to take his faithful and loyale services, (which hath occasioned a ruine of his fortune in a parte, and the hazards of what remaines,) into your princelie considerationne: that what was taken from him as a punishment (may by your Majestic be graciously restored to him as a rewarde) of his loyaltie: and prayeth your Majestic will be graciously pleased too that effect, to recommend this his just petitionne to your succeeding parliament in Scotland, or Lord Commissioner for parliament, that your petitioner may be impowred to proceede legallie against the persones to whom the said fyne was given, for refunding it to him:

So your petitioner prayeth for your Majestic's long lyfe and prosperous raigne.

Whitehall, 22 November 1660.

His Majestic is graciously pleased to refer this petition to the consideration of his Parliament in Scotland.

LAUDERDAILL.

DISCHARGE by John Stirling of Bankell to Sir George Stirling of Keir, Knight,  
28th January 1662.

226. Be it kend till all men be thir present letters, me, Johne Stirling of Bankell, air sewin and retourit to vnpquill William Stirling of Bankell, quha wes aire of vnpquill William Stirling of Bankell, his father, third lawfull sone to vnpquill Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir knight, my gudesire: Forasmuch as the said vnpquill Sir Archibald, be his lettre of tak, daitit the thairtie third day of Maie 17 VI: and four zeiris, as principall takisman of the teyndscheaves underwritene, sett in tak and assedationne to the said vnpquill William Stirling his third sone, and his airis meill, off all and hail the teynd scheaves of the landis of Bankell with the pertinentis, lyand within the parochie of Balderneock, and shirefdome of Stirling: and that for the said William Stirling his lyfyme, and thairfor for the space of nyntine zeiris: payand thairfor zeirlie to the said vnpquill Sir Archibald, his airis successours and assigneis, the summe of fiftie fiftie fiftie teynd meill, or less the summe of thrie shillingis four pence Scots money for



ilk boll thairof, in the optione of the said William Stirling and his fairsaidis, yeirlie at the terme of Meritounes . . . as the said letter of tak, containing ample warrantice, at mair leuth beares : And now for certane onerous causes and consideratiounes, done to me be Sir George Stirling of Keir, knight : Wit ye me, as air be progress to the saidis vmquhill William Stirling of Bankell elder and younger, to have renounced . . . the fairsaid letter of tak of and concerning the toynd shaves of the saidis landis of Bankell, to and in favouris of the said Sir George Stirling and his airis, with all headis, articles, claussis and conditiones thairin contained, for now and ever. In witnes quhairof I have subscrivit thir presentis, (writting be David Moir Shireff Clerk of Stirling,) at Edinburgh, the tuentie eight day of Januar, the yeur of God 17<sup>th</sup> y<sup>r</sup> thrie scoir tua yeiris, befoir thir witnesses, Sir Archibald Stirling of Garden knyght, one of the senatoris of the Colledge of Justice, and the said David Moir, wreater heirof.

D. MOIR Witness.

S. ALE<sup>x</sup> STIRLING Witness.

J. STIRLING.

TESTAMENT of Sir George Stirling of Keir, 1st March 1664, &c.<sup>1</sup>

227. BEING vexed about this yeur past with a sore paine in my legs, I purpose God willing, to goe to Edinburghe to use the ordinarie meanes for freeing me therof in time coming : But if it please God so to dispose us not only the use of meanes prove inefficakle, but that deathe ensewe, and this mortell tabernacle be disolved, I trust in the mercies of God through the alone merite of Jesus Christ my Saviour, to haue ane house not made with hands but eternall in the heavens, when deathe shall arreist : I not only recomende to (bot conjure) my Lord Garden my cousin, for the mutuall affection has been betwixt us, not to let cut vp, [or lawell my body,] but to interre my body in my He in Dunblaine Kieke, without shawe, trumpets or conveying any but freindis at ane weir distance, and that with decencie and diligence.

I doubt not but he will remember and performe to Rachell Henderson, cousine to my laite deare wife, what past betwixt us at Keir some few dayes after hir funeralis.

To Mungo Campbell I appointed to be given be my Lord Garden thrie hundred the markes as a token for his cairfull and kyndly attending me the time of my indrmitie.

To James Bairde my foote man thrie score markes to help him, being sickly and infirme.

To Alaster McLairan, who served me thir four yeiris past ane hundred the markes Scots.

<sup>1</sup> There are duplicates of this Testament of Keir. The variations between them are here placed within brackets.



For verification of the premisses I have written and subscribed the premisses at  
Keir, 1: Marche 1664. G. KEIR.

Also I appoint all my lolly-clothes, except my blake velvet coate, and the silver and gold buckles to be given to Mungo Campbell.

To Harie Stirling, sone to John Stirling of Quoigs, I appoint thrie score personal-socks to be given, [because he sometime served me.]

And thir smale legacies I appoint to be payed by my Lord Carden.

The virginells in the laigh rears in the Keir, I appoint to be given to the Lady Carnocke younger, having promised hir them, being at Carnocke as I came east.

3 August 1664.

The virginells to be kept and not to be given, in regarde of the melancolie condition the lady is in through the deathe of hir husband.

15 May 1665.

What I appointed on the other side for James Bairde, I heirby recalle, since he hes left my service.

TESTAMENT of Sir George Stirling of Keir, Knight, confirmed 11th December 1675.

228. The Testament datine, and Inventar of the moveable guidis, gear, debts, and sommes of money (except airship,) qudlik pertained and belonged to the decessit Sir George Stirling of Keir knight, the tyme of his decessit, who decessit in the moneth of June, 1<sup>st</sup> vi<sup>th</sup> threescore seven years, within the parochie and commissariat of Dunblane faithfully maid and given up be Sir John Stirling now of Keir knight, executor dative decernit to the said defunct, be decernit of the Commissar of Dunblane, as uset made thereupon, datit the clevinthe day of December 1<sup>st</sup> vi<sup>th</sup> and seventie thrie yeirs heiris.

#### INVENTAR.

Imprimis: the said executor declares that the said defunct hade na cornes, cundill horses, mair, or sheip, or vther guidis and gear pertaineing to him and in his possession, tyme fairsaid of his decessit, except two horses, with their furniture, estimat both to j<sup>l</sup>. xxxij<sup>l</sup> vi<sup>l</sup>. viij<sup>l</sup>. Item his domicills and aboutziementis of his house estimat to vj<sup>l</sup>. lxxj<sup>l</sup> xliij<sup>l</sup>. iiij<sup>l</sup>.

Summa Inventarij — vij<sup>l</sup>.

Debts resting to the defunct.

Imprimis; he hes tenants and vassalls, for ferme duty and stallboll guidis, 1<sup>st</sup> ij<sup>l</sup>.





xxxij<sup>ss</sup>. vi<sup>ss</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. Item, be Sir Thomas Nicolson of Carnock. xj<sup>ss</sup>. lxxj<sup>ss</sup>. xliij<sup>ss</sup>. liij<sup>d</sup>.  
 Item, be the Laird of McLean ii<sup>ss</sup>. . . . Item, be McGrelgor in Rannoch j<sup>ss</sup>. liij<sup>ss</sup>. xxxij<sup>ss</sup>.  
 vj<sup>ss</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. Item be the Viscount of Kilsyth, conforme to a decret recovered be the  
 defunct against him. I<sup>ss</sup>. iiij<sup>ss</sup>.

Summa of the saddis debts, vi<sup>ss</sup>. xj<sup>ss</sup>. xxxij<sup>ss</sup>. vj<sup>ss</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>.

Summa of the said Inventar and debts, vij<sup>ss</sup>. liij<sup>ss</sup>. xxxij<sup>ss</sup>. vj<sup>ss</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>.

Debts resting be the defunct.

Imprimis, to Mr. George Stirling in Glasgow. vj<sup>ss</sup>. liij<sup>ss</sup>. xxxij<sup>ss</sup>. vj<sup>ss</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. Item, to  
 William Ker in Dunblane vj<sup>ss</sup>. lxxj<sup>ss</sup>. xliij<sup>ss</sup>. liij<sup>d</sup>. Item, to Mungo Campbell at Knock-  
 hill. vj<sup>ss</sup>. lxxj<sup>ss</sup>. xliij<sup>ss</sup>. liij<sup>d</sup>.

Summa of the samen debts, vij<sup>ss</sup>. vj<sup>ss</sup>. lxxj<sup>ss</sup>. xliij<sup>ss</sup>. liij<sup>d</sup>.

Debita excedant bona.

#### CONFIRMATIONE.

I. Robert Bruce of Bordie, Comisser of Dunblane, etc. . . . John Stirling of  
 Kippendary, cautioner . . . att Dunblane, the eleventh day of December, 1673.

CONTRACT OF MARRIAGE between Sir John Stirling of Keir and Dame Lillias Colquhoun,  
 eldest daughter of Sir John Colquhoun of Luss, 2nd March 1676.

229. ATT the Cannongate foott, the second day of March, I<sup>ss</sup> VI: threescore sixteen:  
 Forasmuch as their was ane minut of contract matrimoniall past betuixt the honorable  
 pairties following, to witt, Sir John Stirling of Keir vpon the ane part, and Sir John  
 Colquhoun of Luss, for himself, and as takinge burdein for Dam Lillias Colquhoun his  
 eldest daughter, and now spous to the said Sir John Stirling, vpon the other part, of  
 the date, att the Cannongate-foott, the second day of December, I<sup>ss</sup> VI: seventie fyve  
 yeires: whairby, for the marriage theirin contracted and thereafter solemnized liquixt  
 the said Sir John Stirling and the said Dam Lillias Colquhoun, the said Sir John  
 Stirling is bound and obleidged to infect and sease the said Dam Lillias Colquhoun, in  
 lyfrent durieng all the days of her lyfytyme, in his maner place of Calder and office  
 houses theirto belonging, and in so many of his Lands of the west end of his barrony  
 of Calder, as will extend to four thousand merks of yearlie rent, besydis kaynes, services,  
 and customes: to be brulled and enjoyed by her durieng her lyfytyme in case she sur-  
 vive him, to be holden in maner underwritten, and also the said Sir John Stirling is  
 obleidged to doe and performe the other obleidgements and conditions afterspecified in  
 maner underwritten: whilk minut of contract both the saids pairties are obleidged to  
 extend in maner after mentionat as the samen more tallie beares: And now both the



said parties being willing to extend the said minut of contract as followes: Thairfor the said Sir John Stirling of Keir, for implement and fulfilling of his part of the said minut anent the extentione of the samen in maner atterspecified, binds and obliges him his aires and successors, to dedlie validlie and sufficientlie infeft and seise the said dam Lillias Colquhoun his spouse in lyfrent, durning all the days of her lyfytyme, in all and heall the said maner place of Calder, with the yards, orchards and office houses belonging theirt, and in all and sundry the lands and others atterspecified, to witt in all and heall the Landis of Kirkcorm of Calder, etc. . . . And farther the said Sir Johne Stirling of Keir binds and oblesses him and his aires whatsumevir, to privity and resigne his heall lands liveing and estate whatsumevir, for new infeftment of the samen to himself and the aires male procreat or to be procreat betuixt him and the said Dam Lillias Colquhoun his spouse, quhilkis faillicieing to the aires male of his own body of any other marriage, quhilkis faillicieing to his neirest aires male whatsumevir, quhilkis faillicieing to his aires and assigneyes whatsumevir: And in respect that the daughters are secludit from the estate: thairfor faillicieing of aires male of this marriage, the said Sir Johne Stirling of Keir binds and obliges him and his other aires male succeeding to him, to pay to the daughters of this marriage, the portiones following, to witt, if their be bot on daughter the soume of twentie fyve thousand merks, and if their be two daughters the soume of threttie thrie thousand merkis, whairf twentie thousand merks to the eldest, and threttein to the second: and if their be thrie or more daughters fourtie thousand merk, whairf eighteen to the eldest and the rest to be equally divydit, and that att their ages of fyfein yeires: and in the meane tyme to intertaine and eduent them as becomes: And vpon the other part: Whairis the said Sir Johne Colquhoun of Luss be the forsaid minut of contract is obliged to pay to the said Sir Johne Stirling his aires or assigneyes, in name of techer with the said Dam Lillias Colquhoun, the soume of twentie thousand merks Scottis money, the one half att Witsounlay nixt, and the other half at Mortimes next: Thairfor the said Sir John Colquhoun of Luss binds and obliges him his aires executors and successors off new againe to pay to the said Sir Johne Stirling of Keir his aires or assigneyes, the said soume of twentie thousand merks, in maner and att the terms above and atterspecified, to witt, the one half theirof extending to ten thousand merks at Witsounlay nixt, and the other half att Mortimes also nixt, with one thousand merks of penaltie for ilk term faillicie, and annual rent for each of the said proportiones fiirth and fra the termes of payment theirof whyle the payment of the samen: And this in satisfactioun to the said Dam Lillias Colquhoun and her said husband of all farther badmes part of gair and portione naturall that they can claime or crave be deceise of her father and mother



when it happens. In witness whereof, (written by Hugh Paterson, servant to Hugh Paterson of Bannockburn writer to his Majesty's Signet,) both the saids parties have subscribed these presents, day, month, year of God and place above written, before these witnesses, John Esle of Garwirth and Lindsay, William Esle of Dundonald Lord Cochran, Sir Archibald Stewart of Blackhall, James Seton of Touch, Sir John Cunyngame of Landroughton Almoner, Archibald Stirling of Cardon, and James Stirling, Inverin to the said Laird of Keir.

CRAFORD LINDSAY Witness.

S<sup>r</sup> J. STIRLING of Keir.

DUNDONALD Witness.

LILLIAS COLQUHOUNE.

A. STEWART Witness.

JO. COLQUHOUNE of Lass.

J. SETON Witness.

A. STIRLING Witness.

JAMES STIRLING Witness.

JOHN CUNYNGHAM Witness.

PROTECTION by James, Duke of Buccleugh and Monmouth, to Sir John Stirling, 24th June 1679.

James, Duke of Buccleugh and Monmouth, Earl of Dalkeith and Doncaster, Lord Scott, and Archibald Tindall and Whitehouse, General of His Majesty's Forces, &c.

230. ALL Officers, Soldiers and others whom it may concerne, are hereby strictly charged and required not to offer any injury or violence to Sir John Stirling, his house, servants, and tenants at Keir, and that they presume not to seize or take away any horses, goods, cattle, or other thing belonging to any of them: as they will answer the contrary at their perill. Given at the Camp at Long Tyke this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1679.

TESTAMENT of Sir John Stirling of Keir, Knight, 12th June 1682.

231. At the place of Keir the twelve day of Junij, 1<sup>st</sup> VI. four score two years. The quialk day, the right honorable Sir John Stirling of Keir Knight, having resolv'd for selling his worldlie affaires and business, does make his Lettre will and testament, as





effir followes, wherby he nominats and appoynts John Stirling, his eldest lawfull sone, to be his sol executour and vniversall intronmettar with his haill goods, geir and debtes, with power to him, or his Tutors effirmentionat, or any one of them in his name, to give vp Inventar therof and of his debtes, in and out, confirme the samyne, and to doe evry vthir thing necessar or incumbent to the said office. Item, he does heirby declare, that he is adobed and awand to James Stirling, his second laiffull sone, the sowme of fyftein thowsand merks Scots money; to William Stirling, his third laiffull sone, the sowme of twelve thowsand merks money foirsaid; and to Lillias Stirling his laiffull dochter, the sowme of aughtein thowsand merks money: quhilkis respectiue he heirby ordaines his said executour to content and pay to his said childring, in maner, and at and vpon the termes and conditiones speciallie mentionat and conteinit in the bands of provisioun respectiue grantit be him therauent: together with his haill vther just and lawfull debtes awand be him to his vther creditouris: Lykens he does heirby nominat and appoynt Dam Lillias Colquhounne, his weellovit spous, with the ryght honorabill James Marquais of Montrose &c., John Marquais of Atholl &c., and Sir James Colquhoun of Luss, knyght and baronet, James Seatoun of Touch, William Murray of Spot, Georg Murray, one of the lieutenants to His Majestie's troop of guards, Captain James Stirling, for present at Hull in England, his uncle, and Mr. Francis Stirling his sene, Archibald Stirling of Garden, James Stirling his brother germane, Georg Stirling of Herbertshyre, John Stirling of Kippendavie, Captain John Stirling of Craigharnet, Georg Stirling, chirurgian burges of Edinburgh, and William Stirling, Regall Clerk of Glesgow, to be Tutors and Overseers to the saids John, James, William and Lillias Stirlings his childring, during their pupillaritie and nonage: and any four of them to be a quorum, with the said Dam Lillias Colquhoun, whom he heirby nominats and appoynts to be Tutor sine qua non, during hir viduitie and widowhood allanerlie: and in caise of hir marriadg to a second husband, he heirby nominats the said Archibald Stirling of Garden to be tutor to them sine qua non, and any four of the foirnand freinds to be a quorum in that case with him: requisting all of them heirby to sic to the educatioun of his saidis childring in the feir of God, and to the richt managment of what fortune and estait is left or provydit to them: Recalling heirby all former testaments or latteris wills, and declaring the samyn null and voyd: And this to be his lattere will and testament be heirby notefies and makes known to all whom it may concerne. In witness quherof he has subserivit this presentis, (written be the said William Stirling), the day, zeir and place for said, befor this witness, Andrew Raitt his present servitor, and the said William Stirling

W. STIRLING, Witness.

J. STIRLING of Keir.

A. RAITT, Witness.



REGISTER  
OF THE  
BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS,  
OF THE  
STIRLINGS OF KEIR.<sup>1</sup>

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J. STERLING.

232. I was mariet vpon Margaret Montethe, zoungest dochter to Sir William Montethe of Kers, in the Kirk of Alvethie, vpon Tysday, the xvii of August 1613.

JOHNE STERLING — My eldest sone Johne was borne in the Keir on Saturday, the xxiii of Julii 1614, at ten horis at night.

GRISSALL STERLING — My dochter Grissall was borne in Cadder on Sunday, the xi of Februar, at fyve horis in the morning, 1619.

ARCHIBALD STERLING — My sone Archibald was borne in Cadder on Mononday, the ix of June 1617, at tuo horis efternoone.

ANNA STERLING — My dochter Anna was borne in the Keir on Saterday, the xi of Julii 1618, betuix x and xi at night.

MARGARET STERLING — My dochter Margaret was borne in the Keir, the i of Agust 1619, befor viii horis in the morning.

WILLIAM STERLING — My sone William was borne in Cadder on Sunday, the xxiiii of December 1620, betuix 3 and 4 in the evening.

JAMES STERLING — My sone James was borne in the Keir on Thursday, the xxx of Madi 1622, just at xii hours at night — Laus et Gloria Deo.

WILLIAM STERLING — My sone William was borne in the Keir on Saturday, the xv of Januar 1625, betuix ten and eleuinthe in the morninge, and my wyf pairtit tuyse of barne betuix James birthe and Williamis.

GEORGE STERLING — My sone George was borne in Cadder on Mononday, the xviii of September 1626, at ten horis in the morninge.

<sup>1</sup> This is taken from a book in which the entries are chiefly made in the handwriting of the respective lairds, who superscribe the entries applicable to themselves and their children.



ALEXANDER STERLING — My sone Alexander was borne in the Keir on Thursday, the xvii of Julii 1628, befor fyve horis in the morninge.

My wyf, at the plesour of God, depairtit this mortall lyf in the Keir, on Mononday the xxi of Julii 1628, at fyve horis in the morninge, and was buriat in Dunblaine the i of Agust thairefter — J. STERLING.

#### AR<sup>d</sup> STIRLING.

My marriedg wpon Elisabeth Murray was at Ed<sup>l</sup>, wpon the 9 of Julie 1637, celebrat be M<sup>r</sup> Ha. Rollok Minister at Ed<sup>l</sup>.

My sonn JHONE was born at Ochilttrie the 13 day of Apraill 1638.

My dochter ANNA was born at Gardenn the 3 of Agust 1639.

My dochter MARGARETT was born at Stirling wpon the 9 of Januar 1640. [sic, sed lege 1641].

My sounne GEORG was born at Polmeas the 16 day of June 1642.

My marriedge wpon Ma. Murray was at Ed<sup>l</sup> the 21 July 1646.

My daughter CATHRINE was born at Ed<sup>l</sup> the 8 of Sept. 1647.

My daughter ELIZABETH was born at Ochilttrie wpon the last of Januarie 1649.

My daughter REBECCA was born at Ochilttrie wpon the 2 of Apraill 1650.

My sounne ARCHIBALD was born at Gardenne the 21 of March 1651.

My sounne JAMES was borne in Gardenne the 29 of Jun 1652.

GEORGE was borne at Ochilttrie the 20 day of July 1653.

WILLIAM was borne at Ochilttrie the 29 day of October 1654.

ALEXANDER was born at Ochilttrie the 9 of Apraill 1656.

THOMAS was borne at Ochilttrie the 25 of December 1658.

HENRIE was borne at Edinburgh the 20 day of July 1667.

#### SIR JOHN STIRLING.

I was married to Ladye Margarat Livingstone, second dochter to the Earle of Lithgou, at Sterling, the 6 of Fabr: 1668, celebrat be M<sup>r</sup> James Forsayth.

My wife miscaried of my eldest sone 13 Fabr: 1669.

My wife deperted this mortall life at the Keir, the 2 of November 1674, and was buried at Dunblaine.

I was married to Lillias Colqhounne, eldest dochter to the Laird of Lusse, at the Abey



of Holyroudhouse celebrat be Mr. Walter Stirling, Minister of Baldernecke, on the 2 day of December 1675.

My eldest sone ARCHIBALD was born at the Keir, 29 October 1676, at five a cloack on Sunday morning, and was baptised at the Keir be Mr. Gasper Kellie, Dean of Dunblaine, the 2 of November 1676.

My second son JOHN was borne at Sterling 26 October 1677, at five a cloack on Fraydie morning, he was baptised by Mr. Persone, Minister of Sterling, the 1 November.

My threid sone GEORGE was borne at the Kere on Tausday, 12 November 1678, and was baptised by Mr. Gasper Kellie, Deane of Dunblaine, at the church of Lecrop, on the 18 November 1678.

My forth sone JAMES was borne at the Keir on Saturday, the 1 of November 1679, betwixt 7 and 8 a cloack at night, and was baptised at Lecrop 2 November, be Mr. William Weemis, Minister of Lecrop.

My dochter LILLIAS was born at the Keir on Thursday, 13 Januar 1681, at 6 in the morning, and was baptised at Lecrop on 15 Januar, by Mr. William Weemis, Minister of Lecrop.

My fift sone WILLIAM was born at Keir on Fraydie 24 March 1682, at six a cloack in the morning, and was baptised on Saturday 26 March, at Lecrop, be Mr. William Weemes, Minister of Lecrop.

My second dochter ELISABETH was born at Keir on Sondag, 3 June 1683, at 2 a cloack in the morning, and baptised the said day at Lecrop by Mr. William Weemes, Minister of Lecrop.

[The following entry is in the hand-writing of John Stirling of Keir, No. XVIII. 1.]

The said Sir John Stirling died at Keir the      day      1684, and his wife Lillias Colquhoun survived him: she was 2 or 3 years after his death married to Mr. Charles Maitland, brother to the Earle of Lawderdale, and had one daughter died a child. The said Charles died at Cadder the      day of June 1716, and the said Lillias at Cadder the last of December 1726.

#### JA. STIRLING.

I was married to Marione Stewart, eldest daughter to Alexander Lord Blantyre, the 24 day of Februar 1704, at Cardonald.

My eldest son JOHN was born att Arskine, the 18 day of November, betwixt three and four in the afternoon, in the year 1704.





My eldest daughter ANN was born at the Keir the 20 day of January 1706.

My second daughter LILLIAS was born the 6 day of February 1707. att Edinburgh.

My third daughter FRANCIS was born att Keir the 30 day of December 1707.

My second son ALEXANDER was born att the Keir the 11th day of September 1709, about half ane hour after four a clock in the afternoon.

My third son ARCHIBALD was born att Keir the 4th day of September 1710, about half ane hour after three in the morninge.

My fourth son WALTER was born at Keir the 30 day of Agust 1711, about ten minutes before eight in the morning.

My fifth son CHARLES was born att Keir the 1st day October, about eleeven a clock at night, 1712.

My sixth son WILLIAM was born att Keir the eight day of September 1713, five minutes befor one in the morning.

My seventh son JAMES was born att Keir the 17th day of September 1714.

My eight son ROBERT was born att Keir the 14th day of September 1715.

My 4th daughter ELISABETH was born att Edinburgh the 7th day of January 1718.

My 9th son HENRY was born att Keir the 22d day of November 1718.

My 5th daughter HELEN was born att Keir the 20th day of October 1719.

My 6th daughter MARGARETT was born att Keir the 6th of October 1720.

My 10th son CHARLES was born att Cadder the 8th day of March 1722.

My 11th son HUGH was born at Cadder the 26th day of February 1723, about 2 a clock in the morning.

My 7th daughter MAGDALEN was born att Cadder on February 29, 1724.

My 12th son WILLIAM was born at Cadder on June 5, 1725.

My 13th son LEWIS was born att Cadder the 30 of November 1726.

My 14th son HENRIETT was born att Cadder the 20 of March 1728.

My 15th son ALEXANDER was born att Glasgow the 4th of December 1729

JAMES STIRLING of Keir died at Cadder on February 17th 1749, aged 70 years. His eldest son, John, succeeded to the estate, who never was married, and he died in Edinburgh in June 1757, aged 54 years; and his brother Archibald succeeded to the estate, who was married, in the year 1759, to Margaret Erskine, daughter to Colonel William Erskine of Terrie, and she died att Bristol in the year 1761, without having children, and he married for his second wife, widow Lady Murray, eldest daughter of Alexander Hay of Drummaelzier, in the year 1762. (The Honourable Marion Stewart, wife of James Stirling of Keir, died at Cadder, 20 March 1770.)



ARCHIBALD STIRLING of Keir died there 3d November 1753, aged 73. His widow, Mrs. Ann Stirling, died at Cadder 14 October 1807, aged 80.

WILLIAM STIRLING, youngest son to James Stirling of Keir, was married to Hellen Gray, second daughter to John Lord Gray, at Edinburgh the 1st day of October 1765.

My eldest son JAMES was born at Cadder the 8th day of October 1766.

My second son JOHN was born at Cadder the 23d day of February 1768.

My third son Archibald was born at Cadder the 2d day of August 1769.

My 4th son CHARLES was born at Cadder the 12th day of May 1771.

My first daughter MARGARET and my sixth son ROBERT, both was born at Cadder the 24th day of December 1772.

My 2d daughter MARION was born at Cadder the 12th day of June 1774.

My 3d daughter JEAN was born at Cadder the 2d day of July 1775.

My Wife died at Cadder the 31st day of July 1776, and was buried at Dunblain. She was 30 years of age.

I was married at Castlemilk the 3d day of November 1781 to Jean Stuart, youngest daughter of Sir John Stuart of Castlemilk.

My oldest daughter HELEN was born at Cadder the 14th February 1783.

My second daughter was born at Keir the 23d of February 1785, and was named ANNE.

WILLIAM STIRLING, youngest son and child of William Stirling of Keir before mentioned, was born at Keir 23 August 1789.

The above mentioned William Stirling of Keir died there on the 24 May 1793, aged 68, and was buried at Dunblane.

Lady Hamilton of Rosehall (Margaret Stirling) died at Edinburgh 20 October 1802, aged 82.

#### CHILDREN of the late WILLIAM STIRLING of Keir, died as under—

MARGARET STIRLING at Keir, June 1784, aged  $12\frac{1}{2}$  years.

JOHN STIRLING at Hampden, Jamaica, 24 March 1793, unmarried, aged 25.

ROBERT STIRLING at Kingston, Jamaica, 28 Sept. 1808. Married. Aged 36. Left one daughter, who died at London in 1822, aged 13. The name of his wife was Sarah, daughter of Dr. Steel of Jamaica. The name of their daughter—Helen.

WILLIAM STIRLING died at Castlemilk, 1st December 1825, aged 30.

CHARLES STIRLING married C. Erskine daughter of D. Erskine, writer, Edinburgh.



14th October 1817, at Linlathen. No children. He died at Cadder, January 30th 1830, aged 58, and buried in Leccroft church.

JAMES STIRLING, Esq. of Kier, who succeeded his father, W. Stirling, May 1793, died at Kier, July 26th 1831, aged 64, unmarried, was succeeded by his brother Archibald Stirling. Buried in Leccroft church.

JEAN STIRLING, 3d daughter of William Stirling, Esq. of Kier, died at Broomly, Kent, September 17th 1825, aged 60 years.

MARION STIRLING, 5d daughter of William Stirling of Keir, died at Keir 1 March 1842, aged 68, and was buried in Leccroft church on the 9th of March.

ARCHIBALD STIRLING married E. Maxwell, second daughter of Sir John Maxwell, Bart. of Pollock, June 1st 1815. She died at Kenmure, September 1822, aged 29.

His eldest son, WILLIAM, was born at Kenmure, 8th March 1818.

His eldest daughter, HANNAH ANNE, born at Kenmure, August 17th 1816.

His 2d daughter, ELIZABETH, born at Kenmure, August 24th 1822.





# LETTERS

TO THE

## STIRLINGS OF KEIR, &c.

Jane Chisholm, 'Lady Kyr.' to the Laird of Perdwy, *circa*. 1550.

233. TRAIST freynd and weilbelovit, efter my hartlie commendatiouns. Seing that all thingis is appoyntit betwix the Laird my housband and zow, quhairf I am wery blyth, I wald desyr zow to be sa guid for my request, as to latt the milland remane still wyth the mill for this zeir to cum, and I sall pay zow dewtie for that pker of land ressonabillie as ze and I can appoynt, for it will hurt sumthing of profit to the Laird to dewyde the land fra the mill, and it sall do zow na hurt, but I sall pay zow dewtie thairfor, quhill effirwart that the Laird and ze may agree xpon the mylne and wher turneis amangis zour solis. I seek nothing to hurt zour profit, bot to pay for the same. The maist caus that I charge zow wyth this is, that it wilbe bruitit into the countrie, gif that land be tane fra the mylne quhillk has bene sa lang in use thairof. I am hamelie wyth zow in this mater, as ze may charge me agane wyth als grit ane mader; all wher thingis is agreit amang freyndis, and I desyr this to be agreit betwix zow and me. I will nocht latt the Laird witt of this quhill I be suir quhat wilbe done thairintill, quhillk ze will aduerteis me quhat I may lippin to. I refer the rest to zour wisdom and aduerteisment wyth this beinar, and commend me hartlie to my aynt zour bedfallow. God preserue zow. From Cadder this Wodinsday. Zouris at power.



To hir traist freynd and weilbelovit, the Laird of Perdwy.

Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir to the Laird of Berdowie, Elder, *Scot* July 1602.

234. Right traist freind— Efter my verrey hartie commendatiouns, this present is to put zou in remembrance that this matter of feul standing over betwix our name and the



name of Kinkaid is his lang outpat to sum point: quhilk (as I am certaulie informit) is over in default of sum veill villie mediatoris to travell in that errand: and seeing that the onlie quarrell is now upon the pure boy William Stirling, quha for that occasionne may not use the moyen to win his laving, I wald think it meetest that our consultatiounes of freindis var, that advyis mycht be tane, how that matter mycht be pakit up, gif possibill it var, ytherways that our our mycht be tane be our advyissis, quha ar freindis, how the young man may beif without parrall. For this effect chairfoir, I will effectuoslie request you to meir me at the Kirk of Mair, on Setterday, the vii of August, be ten houis befor none, that advyisment may be taine heirment. Sa refering the rest to our meiting, quhilk I luek for assuridlie Goddrilling, I commend you to Godis protectiounes. Fra the Keir, the penult of July 1602.

*Very assuerit good freind,  
as follows,  
The Right steering  
of Berie. J.*

To his assuerit good freind, the Lord of Barlowe, Elder.

Dame Grissall Reos, Lady Keir to the Countess of Eglington.<sup>1</sup> 5th November 1612

235. Madam — My most dewtiful commendations remembreit: pleis your Ladyship that this zung gentleman, my sister the Lady Carnoch's sone, being desyrus to be placit in service with sum nobilmen, and has villit me to mak my moyen for the sending, in respect his father has sumquhat outschet him self in mis-governing his care: and I accounting your Ladyship, and [my Lord your] husband, as the most speciall freinds that I heave to imploy, vill most affectionesly request your Ladyship that ze vill place this zung man ather in my Lord your husband's chamber to put on or of his clothe, and wait on his Lordship: or in quhat vher office your Ladyship thinks meet for such a one, and I vilbe answerable to your Ladyship that he sal be faithful and obedient to my Lord or your Ladyship in quhat-soever ze imploy him. I think very long to heave met with your Ladyship for sinderie respects, but I His God that I hear as guid

<sup>1</sup> The writer of this letter was a daughter of James Lord Reos, and the second wife of Sir Archibald Scrimgeour of Kilsyth (No. K.14.2. v. 14, *op. cit.*). The Countess of Eglington was Dame Anna Livingston, wife of Alexander, sixth Lord of Eglington.
















KEIR-1858.



Dear Mr. Carter I have received  
your letter of the 10th inst. and am  
glad to hear that you are well. I  
am well and hope this letter will  
find you the same. I am writing you  
and in doing so pass on a little of the  
news in Paris. I am now on  
my way to Rome and Naples  
I shall be in Rome by the 15th  
and all will be well. I am sure that I



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neus of your Ladyship, and prays God that it may ever continue. Sua referring to your Ladyship's answer. I rest

Your Ladyship's loving ant to be commandit.

Ochilttrie, the 5 of November 1612.

*Cyball Ros  
Lady Keir*

To my very guid Lady, my Lady Countes of Eglingtonne, this be deliyueritt.

Sir Thomas Hamilton of Priestfield, Knight, to Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir, Knight.  
7th March 1613.

236. Right Honorable Sir — Being informed be Johne Leuistoun of Prestoun, that ane blok being agrield in termes betuix yow and him, auent your byeing from him of two oxingang of kirkland in Vchilttrie, and that ze had delayed to payste the blok whill ye vnderstode be my letter that he had maid no right to me of those two oxingang of land: I have thairfore tane pouurpose to certifie yow be thir lynes, that he neuer maid any bargane with me concerning these landis, or any pairt thairof, and that thair is no cause to skar to deale with him for any disposition thairf maid to me, for thair is none. Swa thanking yow for your kynd respect had to me in that mater, whilk I sall be reddie to acquyt with any pleasour I can, whan ye sall please to command me: I commit yow to God. Edinburgh, this 7 Merche 1613.

*Your afffuzid friend at  
p<sup>r</sup>sent*

*Edw. Hamelby.*

To the right honorable my verie speciall freind,

Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir, Knight.

Sir George Stirling of Keir to the Laird of Glorer, Younger, 26th January 1635.

237. Loving Cousin — My warmest affectione remembered: these are to shone you that, praised be God, I am and bes still bein in good health since my coming to Italie, and having



passed the deul of the winter in Padua. I am now upon my voyage to Rome and Naples, quhilk I shall accomplish, God willing, with all possible diligence, that I may be in France before the heats come on in this countrie. In the meane time, I will intreate you still to conuene with your best advise for the managing of my business till my retorne, at which time the effects shall witness the desire I haue to appeare my selfe.

Yours most affectionet Cousen in all I can.

S. G. STERLING of Keir.

Venise, 26 Januarie 1635.

Let these present my best affectione to your bedfellow, and all the rest of our whole freinds.

To my verie louing Cousin

The Laird of Glorat, Zounger—These.

William Drummond of Riccartoune to Sir George Stirling of Keir, Knight,  
12th May 1641.

238. Right Honorable and Lovinge Casinge—I will vreat nothing particularly to you, unto such tyme as I hear from you att your retorne to Newcastle: so nowe ye shall only know that Straffort was execut this day, betuixt eleven and twelue, and immediately therafter the Kinge called vs, and truly when I thought we should haif had him as an cholie and harse, we found him in a very good temper: and I think ere it be long, our Treaty shall near close.

The Parliament of Scotland is to be prorogated till the 13 of July next, quhilk doest the Kinge his waunt to keepe, except sickness or death preuene it: and upon my word I verily beleue that he will performe it. I shew you be my last that ther ver some hear who ve suspected to haif bene upone an vniuersall plot: it is not yet fully discovered, bot it is thought to haif bene with the Frenche; already ther ar five dead, viz. Harry Persy, Harry Jermuel, Sir John Sucklinge, and uthor ten who ar not considerable: it is thought ther will more die ere it be longe, whiche you shall hear of as occasion offers.

I will repeat nothinge that is confesed in the publicke better, but in generall know that I think the Parliament will now quickly dispatche us, for Straffort is gone, and they haif gott one bill past that the Parliament shall neuer be adjourned nor broken up without consent of both houses, quhilk now makes them that they ar able to do any thinge of themselves.



As the bearer came shew you, I am so smale with tyme, that I am forced to tak my leave abruptly, and continue any thinge els I haif a mind to wreat till the next occasion, to whiche tyme and over, I shall unchangably continue.

Your affectionatt cusinge and servant.

London, 12 Majj 1641.

W. D. RICCARDONE.

I am almost a sleepe all the vreetinge herof, for I vas up this morninge be two a cloacke to see Strafort onent.

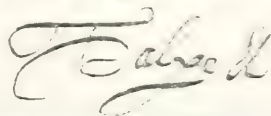
For the Right Honorable his truly affectionatt Cusinge  
St George Sterlings of Keire — Thus.

From General Thomas Dalryell of Binns, February 1643.

239. Honorable Sir — Yours of the 23 of Januar I reseuit, confosing that I am not able to requit the smalist of your innumerable favors, not forgetting your favorable sensor you haue on the resons aboigt be me for not coming to Scotland this winter, alidging I can ouer cum quiter dedecolayis chair I haue a mynd try: onay I maist ingenuisly confes that if thair be not a quiter kair had of this anno intynis to cum nor hes bein hiderto, nather tempist nor aue thing elis vil lock us aue longer in ignorens and uessessure. For this laist night six of the Lord Generall's soliers did steil a boit from the pier, and resolut to expeils thair schuis to the mersay of the sies, (who ver after apprehendit in regard non of them could roue, vho in this poister intendit for Scotland, and ar now sum of them to be hangit.

Thair is little sum provision of uell cum in, so that the General Major intens shortlay to the fieldis, and as the euent prouis I sal aquent you: beir be all apirans ve ar not able to stave out aboue eight dayois, in regard ve vaint horses for carieng our provision. So, both to trouble you, I rest

Your maist oblidgit Seruant,



Craigfargus<sup>1</sup> the February 1643.

I intreit you present my hubble serues to youre Laday, and all the rest of your freindis.

For the Right Honorable  
St George Sterling of Keire, Knight — Thus.

<sup>1</sup> General Dalryell had the command of the Garrison of Craigfargus, and he was made prisoner by the rebels.



From Alexander first Earl of Leven. 17th August 1646.

240. Right Worshipfull—I resseavett and laiter whairin yow desyr and delation of tyme for the paying of these monyes: I should be wiling to grant your desyr in what I could, bot in that paynt yow most exskoess mee in thatt, for that monyes is nather fre gift, nor any pairt of my arrairs, butt monyes debawt by me for the was of the publiet, which doose prais me, so at this present that I kan suffer no delay: whairfor I hop yow wil mak thankfvl payement, which shall be takin ass and kowrtasie doon to—Your ascored friend

Newcastill, 17th of Awgust 1646.

For the Right Wirshopfvl

Sir Georg Stirlin off Keir—Thes.

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The Honorable Lilius Napier, younger daughter of Archibald, first Lord Napier, to her brother-in-law, Sir George Stirling of Keir, Knight.

241. Deare Brother—Tho I be gladd of so frequent occasions, yet I am sorie they ar with such berirs, for if besines had not gon misirably hier, ther wold a bion mor adee with thes honest men, who neu is first to leue ther own cuntry. I need say no more, since I know by them you will be informed perticularly, nor have I any contentment to wreat it, yet for your satisfackion I shall account you what passis hierafter, and constantly shall be

Your most affectinot sister and humble seruant,

Sterling, 6th November [1646].

LILIUS NAPIER<sup>1</sup>

I haue sent away the letter to Powrie. Margrat Graem presentes her humble seruis to you.

For my dear brother the Laird of Kier—Thess.

From Sir Archibald Stirling of Garden, afterwards Lord Garden, 7th June 1647.

242. R<sup>t</sup> Honor<sup>d</sup> Cousing—Since yours by Jo. Smarts sonne at the Queens Ferrie, we heave not heird from you. Nicartoun and I did both wreat to you then, wilk I houe did coun to your hands, since till neu we could heave noe occasion: the foules of the seas dooth mak the samen loth to put forth.

<sup>1</sup> Her sister Margaret was married to Sir George Stirling in 1647. Lilius died unmarried after 1665.









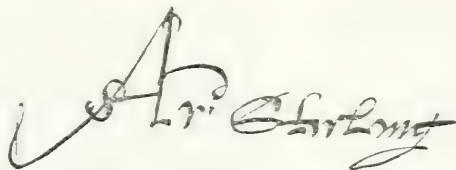




I was in the Keir about a fournight since: the wode is weil aniegh hand, and the daik in good aniegh order. James Rind has done noe thing as yit to the hous, nether intends to doe if he can shift it, bot we shall doe the best we can to mak him doe it. The tym that he should leave bein heir, the annie was lying about Dunblane whilk kept him from going: their was manie quartered upon your hands, bot tok noe thing bot their quarters, quhill I hear shall be abused in your monthlie maintenance: The seleuter is to be at your helging in Stirling once this weik.

The reum that was in your owne hand in Inneralloune is set to a very honest young man, the condicions you shall know heirafter. Alexander Livistounne hes set the Over Keir to James Stirling, and the rest who wold have taken it from you befor: if you be pleased thairwith let us know, for we wold not assent thereto till first we hard from you. Other particulars I remit to Riccartouns, and my self ever to be — Yours most affectioned Cousing and Servant.

Ochiltree, 7 June 1647.



For the rycht honorabill his loving cousing,

St George Stirling of Keir — Theas.

From James Earl, afterwards Marquis, of Montrose, 26th July 1647.

243. Mon Frere — I receaved yours, and am wery glaid of your weelfare, being in some trouble on contrary conjectures, not hearing hitherto from yourself, or of the receat of the Queene and Princes letters, or from any other hand, concerning your being in those parts, for Balloch wrote nothing at all to me: as for your busynes ther, I am affraid you find it heavy, bot iff matters stand with the King, as we ar maid to understand, or iff please God ther goe weale with my self, any other wher, I hope you shall not mable to think upon your self, bot leane me to doe it. As for that which you wrote, being agone about Lillias I have bene thinking, bot to no purpose, for ther ar neither Scotsman nor Woman welcome that way, nether wold any of honor and worthie (chiefly a woman) suffer themselves to live



in so loud and worthles a place: so you may satisfy that person, and direct his thoughts absolutely from itt.

Wishing you all happynes. I am,

Your faithfulest and affectionate Brother,

Neare Paris 26 July 1647.

MONTEBROS.

For the right worshipfull Sir George Sterline of Keir

En Hollande.

From John Lord Areskine, afterwards ninth Earl of Mar. December 16, 1647.

244. Noble Sir—I confess the letter I receaved from yow upon your servant's returne to Holland was so great a complement as I knowe not how to answere it so well as by silence, and yett I shall never doubt your respect to one that honours and esteemes yow as I doe.

I am still desirous to knowe your wellfaer—the best newes I can hear from thence: neither haue I anie to send yow from this place, but that the Commissioners are gowing on with the late Lord Napier's forfaitur, and suing hard to have that fine payed whiche I was suttle for him in at the Parliament at Portre: it is but a little summe of 40,000 marks, wherof 11,000 pounds is assigned to two advocats for their service donne the State. By this, Sir, yow will perceave that matters ar not much changed here since you went awaye: but lett thes things goe as theye will, I am unchangeable, Sir, your most faithfull Cousen and Servant.

Sterline, December 16, 1647.

The unfortunatt Marquess of Huntlie is taken: how the Commissioners will dispose of him God knowes.

For the right honorable Sir George Sterline of Keir.





for the light—  
 —the ship will not  
 —be lost—  
 —the ship will not  
 —be lost—



—the ship will not—



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I received your thus are very pleasant  
your observations, view, in your presence  
in company with others, but having here  
to show you felt, of the great of  
value, and placed, before you from my  
other hand you cannot, up along in your  
parts, for by a look of the notion it in  
comes, as for your business, also, in  
and, you find at long time, but, I think  
you stand with the thing, as the common  
to understand, or to place of the  
for I shall not need, to the thing, as the common  
to know you shall not need, to the thing, as the common

wishing you all happy

Dear friends

1847

Yours  
E. W. H.







Sir John Crawford of Kilbirny, Knight, and Magdalene Carnegie his wife, to the Laird of Luss, Younger, requesting him to marry Margaret Baillie, heiress of Lochend, 12th May 1648.

245. Honorabill and Daire Soume—We have sent youe the richest jewell belonging to us in this world, our deareste dochter Mistresse Marguaritte Baillie, heretrix of Lochend, quhom we desyre you may espouse to be your deareste wyffe. Some things I have comitted to the beirer Capitane Walker Stirling, quik I desyre youe will obey to the full, as youe ar about to honor God quho has caste this precious jewell and richeste early blissing into youre hands: and as youe ar about to honor and obey us the only instruments of all youre happines in this particular greet blissing, esine so sall youe be blised of God, as we the father and mother do blisse you bothe withe all the blissings that ever he missoured out to husband and wyffe upon earthe: quikill sall be the continuall prayers to God of your most deirly loveing parents and servants to our death.

Edenburgh, the 12 of May 1648.

J. C. KILBIRNY.

M. CARNEGIE.<sup>1</sup>

For the richt hono<sup>r</sup> the Laird of Luss, Younger.

The Reverend Doctor George Wisheheart, afterwards Bishop of Edinburgh, to Mr. David Fowles, Minister at Hamburg, introducing Sir George Stirling of Keir.

HACOE, Jan. 11, 1649.


246. Dearest Brother—I am in so verie extreme haste, that I can only say that, that this noble gentleman, Sir George Stirling of Keire, is not only a most honest man in the common cause, for which he hath suffred more then I can writte, but also one of the men in the world, whom Almighty God hath raised up to be the greatest confort to me in these sad times of my being in thir feilds. Wherefore I obtest you,

<sup>1</sup> Magdalene Carnegie was second daughter of David Lauch Carnegie, who prebought his father, the first Earl of Sutherland. Magdalene Carnegie was first married to Sir Gilbert Baillie of Lochend, and their only child was the 'heretrix' who carried the sceptre of this letter. The celebrating the marriage of the young Laird of Luss and Margaret Baillie, with an exclamation of Laus, Mr. Andrew McLauchlane, minister of Luss, was accused by the Presbyteriall Moderation, [H. of Montrose, vol. i. p. 88]. The learned author of that very witty biography will be glad to learn, for reference to his name on the same page, that the laird's name became by the son of Sir John Carnegie, called the 'Impatient Love of Margaret Baillie'. This name is in the following song, composed by the poet of the Presbytery styling the son of Laird of Luss, while the latter sang that he was the 'Younger of Luss'. Margaret Baillie was only eleven years of age at her marriage. [Law's Memorials, p. 89.]





per amores nostros. that yow wil quikly gette your self acquainted with him. and then his own worthe wil recommend unto yow al respects and services that he shal demand. and much more: for I am confident that howbeit I am now the requester. yet yow shal giue me thanks for opening this dore to your knowlege of such a personage.

*farewel in the Lord*  *G. nischeart.*

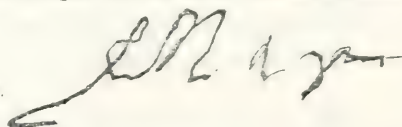
For Master David Fowles. Minister at Hamburg.

From John eighth Earl of Mar. to Sir George Stirling of Keir.

247. Honored and Loueing Cosen — Howbeit my heart is trulie grieved to part societie with this worthie bearer Mr. Harie Guthrie, yet it joyes me something that he is sure of so good a freind before him as yow ar: his owne worthinesse and abilities yow knowe so weel alreadye, that anie reccommendatione I shall need to make of him to you is but this, that since he suffers for faithfulness both to his conscience and the Crowne, and hes, as your self knowes, beine a dear freind to me and my house, I am confidently assured he will find as much favour and kindness from yow as yow can. For anie thing of that kinde either worthie Mr. W<sup>m</sup> Colvill or he shall receaue, I shall think my self as much obliged for it, as if it were reallye laid upon — Your faithful Cosen.

Alloway, March 6. 1650.

For my honored noble Cosen, The Laird of Keir.



From Archibald Marquis of Argyll,<sup>2</sup> 17th February 1651.

248. Loving Freind — I am informed, that notwithstanding of ane exemptionne the Lard Gleneggies had from the Parliament of all quarterings, both locall and transeint, that, as commissar of the parochin, yee quarter upon him both horse and foot: Therfor, as your freind, I thought fitt to advertise you here of, and to desire yow, if ther bee any quartered on his land for the present, to remove them, and forbear in tyme coming to

<sup>1</sup> Sir George Stirling, to whom this letter was addressed, has indorsed it 'Leisep' from which it may be inferred, that Mr. Harie Guthrie had either received a presentation to Leisep, or wished to become minister of that parish, in which Sir George Stirling was the principal neighbor. Mr. Harie Guthrie was for many years private chaplain to the Mar. Leisep. He was afterwards Bishop of Dunkeld. He left memoirs of the affairs of Scotland from the year 1607 to the death of Charles I.

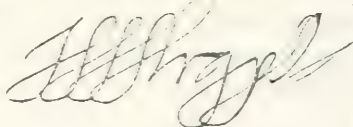
<sup>2</sup> The address of this letter has not been preserved, but there can be little doubt that it was addressed to Sir George Stirling of Keir.



doe the lyk, least yee bee found a contemner of the Parliament's ordour, and so involve yourselve in a greater inconvenience then yee are aware of.

I rest, your loving freind.

Perth, the 17th of February 1651.



Memorandum holograph of Sir George Stirling of Keir.

3rd September 1651.

249. When God brings yow well to Holand, yow shall call at Rotterdam for Jonet Maistertounes haws, which yow will find according to the direction on the backe of my letter to hir: and doe in the matter of opening, airing, and sealing my goods ther, as is conteaned in her letter.

From yow if shoe desire any money for the keeping my goods, yow shall giue it.

From Rotterdam yow shall repair to Delft, and ther inquire for Mr. Alex: Petrie, a Scots man, minister to the Inglish Congregation: he lodges neir the Old Kirke, to whom yow shall giue my letter: and efter yow haue spoken with him and inquired for my coffers and goods I left at my lodging at Delft, yow shall at his appointment giue the soume [of] threttie six guilders to one, and the soume of sixteine guilders to ane other, being fyftie two guilders in all, and if he hes depurse I any thing for me since I left Holand, yow shall repay him, qudlik I shall allowe at your retourne, yow producing his note of receat of what yow shall giue him.

Thir fiftie two guilders f<sup>r</sup>mentioned, it is fiftie yow giue Mr. Petrie, and he will caus giue it to them should haue it.

My coffer I left at my lodging in Delft, yow haue heirwith the kye deliuered: yow shall bring home that coffer and the goods are in it, and what goods of myne more are ther, yow shall make a kist or timber boxe, and put them in and bring home, particulie ane little shipe.

For ane great timber boxe belongs to G. M. Dalvell, yow will find ather at my lodging or Mr. Petrie's: yow shall bring it home also, and yow shall know it by a carte is wpon the lid of it, and writen wpon with my owne hand.

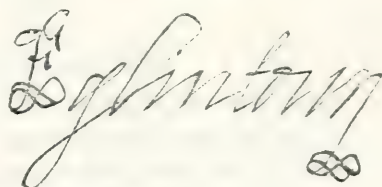
For any other goods of myne are at Mr. Petrie's, yow shall desire they remaine ther till my next advertisement.

For a little timber shype yow will find at my lodging in Delft, yow shall make ane timber boxe, and put it in, and bring it hom with yow.



From Alexander sixth Earl of Eglinton.

250. Right Heterorable and Noble Friend—I wrote formerly unto yow, hearing that ye was at Edinburgh, to make knowne my desyre to yow, but I know not giue my letter be cum to your hands, which makes me take this new occasione to desyre yow to remember of the trust yow hade of hir who is now with God, my belifellow;<sup>1</sup> and to keep these two litle coffers in your owne custody, or to put them in my Lord Calender's hands untill I receave them: for my wyffe told me they wer sealed, and that if shee hade to doe with money yow would answer hir with it upon them. The reasone of my wryting to yow is, wpon informatione that Waughtone and Innes has gotten notice that they are in your hands, and I know yow wilbe dealt with for them: but I am confident ye will not wrong me: for as I wrote formerly unto yow, my wyffe has a discharge of hir children, of all they can crave, and therfor lefte all shee hade to me. So being confident that ye wilbe cairfull of your trust, I shall alwayes remaine. Your right assured friend to serve you.



Hull,<sup>2</sup> 29 December 1651.

For the Right Honorable Sir George Stirling of Keir—These.

The same to the same.

251. Right Honorable Sir—I have receaved your letter, wherein I find yow make sum questione concerning these boxes was intrusted to yow by my wyffe, and therfor would wish me to remitt it to friends, which truly I cannot doe, seing it justly belongs to my selfe and no other, and therfor I should wrong my selfe to make a questione in it, wher ther is no just ground, and I doe much admire that ather Waughtone or Innes

<sup>1</sup> This alludes to the Earl's second Countess, Lady Margaret Scott, who 'departed this lyffe at Hull, in England, quther her lord was prisoner, the 5th of October 1651. Her body was embalmed, and brought home by sea, and interred at Dalketh, by her nephew, Francis Earle of Balcarneh.' [Guthrie's Annals iv. 352.]

<sup>2</sup> The Earl was then a prisoner at Hull. He was a captain of the King's Horse Guards, and while making forces in the west met the King's army, in April 1651, he was surprised at Donibriston by a party of English horse, and was prisoner, first to Hull, then to Bowditch, where he remained in confinement till the Restoration. [Lamont's Diary.]



should claime any right to that which was left to me, seeing I was so instrumentall to agree my wyffe and them, and to get them satisfied. Therefore, Sir, I shall intreat yow to deliver these boxes to the Erle of Calander, and I shall be good to yow for any damadg ye can sustaine for the delivery of them, for the most part that is in the boxes is my owne, my wholl wyfts being them. Yow know that my wyffe intended to bring them heir with hir, if shee had not been perswaded by your self and Sir Robert Drummond that they would be taken from hir by the way, and upon this shee intrusted them to yow, whom shee told me would advance her three or four hundred pices upon them whensoever shee stood in need of it. What Waightoun or Jones can justly claime, I shal be answerable to them for it, for I beleue if they remember that my wyffe has discharged of them both, they will not claime any thing. So, expecting yow will performe my desire in delivering of them to the Erle of Calander, as yow shall alwayes oblidege me to remaine,

Your right assured friend to serve yow,

Hull, 9 Januar 1652.

EGLINTOUN.

For the Right Honorable Sir George Stirling of Keir — These.


From James first Earl of Calander, 23rd January 1652.

252. Honoured Sir — Having receavit some letters from the Earle of Eglington, together with this inclosed to yow, quhich will show yow his desire in relatione to these trunks yow have, formerlie belonging to his ladie; the quhich, if it please yow to intrust me with, I shall be readie to give that account both to yow and him according to the same, and to that end yow will be pleasit to returne me ane answer quhairby I may give him ane account, iff your occasiones doe not dryve you east to Edinburgh quhair now I am necessitat to goe.

I heir of your frequent meeting which is to be at Stirling the next week, quhairin yow will tak seriouslie to consideratioun the losses and great sufferings of thir parioches; not doubting of the same as I shall be readie to witnes that I am

Your humble servand.

Falkirk, 23 January 1652.



For the much honored Sir George Stirling of Keir, Knight — These





Lady Jeanne Hay, Countess of Mar, to the Lairds of Keir and Riccartoun.  
9th March 1652.

253. Honorable and loving Cousings—Ye will know by this letter better than I can wreat, reasons why my sonne has delayed his coming south, so soone as we desired, and therfor, if your business could permit you to come heir, I should be extream glad to see you both, how soone possibly ye could, that it may be resolved upon what course shall be taken, which I fear be alreadie too long adooing; and if ye think it meet that any other be advertised, let me know it, and I shall stryve to have them heir, that I can get moved to come, any day that yow shall appoint: I send you this letter, that ye may stryue to see what can be done to pacifie Skongall, till some thing can be gotten done with Scoforth's friends, for I beleive none of yow will think it fit that my sonne come away, and leave it near, for then ther should be no hop that they should doe any good, and I feir howsoever, it shall be too long acconing. For anything that shall be thought fit by yow two to be done, my sonne will give way to it, as if he wer heir him selfe. In the meantime, ye will wreat to him your advice, for after he is come from Ross, if it be expedient, he may meet at any convenient place, if he be unwilling to come heir.

I wish ye would remember what I spoke concerning the coall, not that which is disposed to Mr. James \_\_\_\_\_ and John Keirie: if ye be to come shortly heir, ye neid not to wreat anything of that concerning the coall to me, otherways it would be speidilly thought upon for preventing further inconvenients.

Generall Major Deanes is not yet come to Stirling: when he does, I shall, if God will, see him ther. I heir ther is [one of] the sequestrators, comento Polmes arguine, and is taking up the inviter of goods, and stryveing to know what the laird payes, and all to be furth coming to them. We neid not to fear them since my Lord is very free [of] all thos inguldments. It is impossible for me to give [an] answerable returne for your kyndneses and great p[re]faynes, nor heir shall I say any mor, but that I am for ever oblidged to continue, as I come

Your most affectionat and [faith]full freind,

Alloway, 9th March 1652



For the Right honorable the Laird of Keir and the Laird of Riccartoun



From John Stewart, Younger of Blackhall, 28th May 1652.

254. Honoured Brother—Havinge the occasione of ane heurer, I cannot omit to lett you knowe your friends heir or all well, only my father is under the goune, and is much affrayed he be troubled by that Doelman; by Mr. Arolthald Fleminges informatione, trye what you can of it, and let me knowe it. Its lyke I see you shortly, for our shyemen most of them are takinge course for ther owne peace with the English in ane private way, and will not be seine in a publick, quhilk will hough the who meane honestlye. Lett me have your advyse what you thinke fittinge for me to doe in this case, for eschewinge of hazard, which is earnestlye desired by

Your affectioned brother,

J. S. BLACKHALL, Ye

From Ard gowan's, the 28 May 1652.

For my honored brother, the Laird off Keir.

From John third Earl of Wigbourne, 19th June 1654.

255. Rycht Honorabill—Thir saddle tyones makes many men troublesome to their friends, and for my awn parte, I thanke the Lord it hes not bene much my ordinar, but the confidence I have of your kyndnes, and my awn reall intentione not to wrong you, nor any vther, makes me the more familiar with you. I am dew 5000 markes to a friend in Edinbrough by bonds, quhairin my uncle Calender and Sir David Murray were cautioners for my father and me, and now because of my uncle's present condition, and of the deccis of the vther partie, desyres new security, and will not take infidment of land from me, but vrges cautioning. If therefore, you will be pleased to len your hande as ane friend with me in a bonds for the said summe, I shall take it as a favour, and shall have no land nor gair before you suffer for me, and if you have to doe, shall not be wanting to you for the lyke, or quhairin else I can doe you pleasure or service you shall ever fynde me.

Your most affectionat Cussin and servant,

Cannernald, June 19, 1654.



Pardone this my freldome, for you haue absolutt power of me to doe yow and yours service. Our goodwyf presentis hir reall seruice to you.

For the Ryght Honorable Sir Georg Stirling of Keire—These

From John sixth Earl of Cassillis.

Castle Kennely, 28 Apryle 1656.

256. Sir—Youre ciuill missiue deserves a verie ciuill ansuere. I am leath to be particular in wryte of this kynd, becaus it hes beinge made use of be some in law, but I haue desyred young Fullis<sup>1</sup> to speake with yow vpon the particular, having before beinge with yow vpon it, and mentioned in your letter. If he be not in Edinburgh precesislie at the terme, he hes promised to be there before the first of Junii, which is but a verie few dayes after. I hope yow will find him so discrete and rationall, as no more shall neid to be exprest heire by

Your friend and seruant,

*Cassillis.*

For Sir George Stirling of Keire.

William ninth Earl of Glencairn, afterwards Lord Justice-General and Lord Chancellor, to Sir Archibald Stirling of Garden.

1st December [c. 1656.]

257. Sir—Having obtained six months libertie, and being to imploy mer cationers then I had befor, I haue presumed vpon your ciuill offer to me to name you to the Generall. The rest are the Lord Borthwick, Killyth, Sir James Hamilton of Orkiston, and my brother Creich:<sup>2</sup> the soume is mair thousand lib. sterling for I must haue the honour to be double anie other, but I must not contend. Only, Sir, I hop yee will not feare I can be capable of so base ane act as to mak you or anie suffer for your kindness to me, which indeid is the greatest can be done unto me. Thairfor my humble desyr is, that yee will

<sup>1</sup> This probably refers to William Fullis, sometimes called Full, in the parish of Turbolton, Ayrshire.

<sup>2</sup> David Betoun of Creich, married Lady Margaret Cunningham, sister of the Earl.



be at the pains to come heir and subservye befor Captain Clifton upon Fryday nixt or Saturday, for the band is now in Eyre at Craich: Berthaik and Kilsyth has subservyd it heir, and I expect Sir James Hamilton to morrow. So, Sir, since it is so great a favour to me as to bring me forth of a long sufferance, I sall not doubt but yee will bestow the pains of coming heir in behalfe of him who sall while he breaths contenance.

Sir, your most humble servant.

For the Right Worshipfull Sir Ard. Sterling of Carden.



From James second Marquis of Montrose.

Muglooke, June the 4th [16]58.

258. Much Honored Sir—I doubt not bot that your cousin Sir Mungo Stirling hath shoven yow, that at my meeting with Polmaise about some differences of marches between our tenents, I made choise of yow and him for taking inspection in the busines. I had assurance from him to embrace the trouble, and I did also assure my selfe yow would not deny me that freindship and favour: and now, Polmaise being desirous to have the busines submitted, I thought I could not pitch on fitter persons to referre my interest to: wherfor I shall entreat yow wilbe pleased to accept of the submission, and with your conueniencie wil condescend to meet upon it, and in so doing yow shall werie much oblige.

Honored Sir, your most affectionat cousin and seruant.

MONTROSE.

Sir—Yow will heerwith receive the submission, and I desire yow wilbe to meet on Monday nixt with Polmaise, for accepting of the same.

For the much honored Sir George Stirling of Keare.

From John third Earl of Wigtonne.

259. Ryght Honorabill—It hath pleased God to call my wyfe<sup>1</sup> from this mortall lyfe to his eternall rest: whose corpse we purpose, God willing, to interre at our buriall

<sup>1</sup> Lady Jane Drummond, eldest daughter of John second Earl of Perth, is the Lady here referred to.





place in Bigger vpon Thursley the penult of this instant: My most earnest desire therefore is, that yee will be pleased to come to Bigger the foirsaid day be ten o'clock in the morning, and to doe her that best honour as to convey her corpse to our buriall place there, which shall be taken as ane singular favour conferred vpon

Sir, your most affectionatt cussing and servant,

Cumernald, December 18. 1658.

WIGTOUNE

For the Right Honorabill St Georg Stirling of Keire — Thes.

From Sir Archibald Stirling, Lord Garden.

Edinburgh, 24 May 1661.

260. Ryght Honorabill and loving Cousing — Yisterday and this day the Parliament has bein close, from morning till evening, about my Lord Argall's processe, and now has pronounced the sentence of forfeiture against him, and has ordained him to be beheaded vpon Monday, and his head to be put vp wher Montros's wes. He receaved his sentence with resolutione anough, and is not lik to acknowledge nouth guilt, altho it be found otherways. Yisterday, in the vorie tym when his advocates wer debating against the depositions of the witnesses, their coun and expresse from Londoun, who brocht six letters of his whilk he had writin to the English whilist they commanded heir, some wherof wer to Major Generall Denes, some to General Monk, and one to Mr. Clerk, Monks secretarie, whilk geave nouth clourines to the Parliament as to the points whilk in the main tym wer a debating: for soun thing theirof was seaiside cleir provee till then, whilk wes his joyning in counsels with them: their be other gross things in them.

Since my Lord Chanceler went vp, the conditiouns of affairs heir ar other ways represented to his Majestie then formerlie they have beine: some things that heave bein writin from above to the commissiouner, the King discometh them, and the secretarie refuseth the wreatin theirof, whilk is lyk to mak soun business: the letters are to be produced.

The Parliament of England has caused burne the Leauge and Covenant by the hand of the hangman. The King's marriage is vorie lyk to mak war with Spaine: the marriage is approvne by the Parliaments of both kingdoms. The Parliament has sene so close this fortnight that I heave gott noe thing done in your business with Sir John Gilmure, orlik he has takin assurance under Mr. Cornelius Ensie's hand, that he shall



stand to His determination. So soon as any more is done in it, it shall be made knowne to you by

Your verie affectioned cousing and faithfull servant,

S. ARD. STIRLING.

Waristoun, Will. Dundas, and Jo. Hoome of Kello ar fortunat also, and lyk the next week ye will heir of mare.

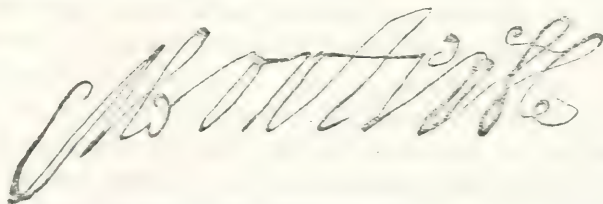
For the right honorabill His loving Cousing, the Laird of Keir — Theas.

From James second Marquis of Montrose.

261. Sir — Understanding my Lord Carden is to be with you att the Keir, I have writt to him to indevor a satlement beixt you and Bruce, quibh I doubt not bot you will be verie desyrus to have done: and I shall intreat, that because of Bruce his present conditione, you will be pleased to show him all the favore you can, and quhat same shall be condishended upon, so soon as I com to Edinburgh, quibh will be shortly, secretie shall be granted for the same att my Lord Carden's sight, and this is all at present from

Your affectioned Cousing and Servant.

Mugdock, 22 October  
1662.



For the much honored Sir George Stirling of Keir — Theas.

Walter Sterling of Ballagan to George Stirling of Glorat.

Balagan, 19 Jully 1662.

262. Sir — Yours of the 24 of Junii com to my handis wpen the 15 of this: for the which, Sir, I render you many hartie thanks for your vnumbrabill kind expressiounes quibh, Sir, in one word, I shall bot usher with silence. I am hartlie glad of your recoufry, quibh I prei God to continue. I request you, Sir, to beare the speciall cair of your self, and keipe the guid dyat, and when yea ar convalesced that you doe



wenter to travell. I wald request yow to heast hom, for now I hoipe yea heane gotin your herts desyr in your travellis: so that I wald not adwyce yow to follow them furder, bot that yea wald com hom and sattell your self, and cast your fancie wpon som handson creator, ether in England or at home: bot gif yea doe in England, I request yow not to be to rash, for they ar very kittill, or as yea ous to say wher ye ar, ticklish: for albeit yea gar an guid woman quillk com from that place wher ye ar, yea most not think they ar all alyk, neither most yea think to be assured to get on ther so guid as the last. So I wald adwyce yow to be cairfull in your chous and wyss, altho now yea heane the ward of your mariag in your own hand to dispos of your self wher yea list again. And again let me request yow, (as yea ar wys,) to be exciding wary and wys in your chous, for yea know it is ane continuall feist, and gif wther wayes, yea know ane continuall dropping. To pas compliments with yow, I shall seis benesson, yea know, Sir, I am not good of them, bot the treuth is I am for substance, and not for shew, and gif yea heave abo with ane, I hoipe yea shall find it so to the out most of my power. Your father and mother-in-law I heave left very weill thus morning: and for your young dochter, ther is no chylde in the wardill I am mor be holdin to for her loue and kyndnes then I am to hir. She begines weill, I hoipe sho shall preve ane confort to yow, for of all the merye wanton thingis that ever I mett with, sho is the first and the suitest face. In a word, all your freinds is in health. I heave not as yeat met with Law, bot as shen as I meit with him, I shall not be forgetfull to remember yow to him. So again I most press it mor wpon yow, and request yow, so shen as God gif yow strength, that yea wald heast home. And now, Sir, I craif pardon for being so troy with yow, bot I hoipe yea will tak it from him, whom yea shall be assured from my heart, that wishtis yow weill, and the standing of your famelic out of your own loynes. And hearing nothing elis to ad, bot shall still remember yow in my preyers, and wishtis yow all helth and happynes, and a self return: I teak live and restis

Your faithfull and assured servand and cussing till I breath.

W. STERLING.

For his much honred Cussing, Georg Stirling of Glorat, to be fund at the Syn of the Tuo Shucker Loffes, Saint Mering's Lane, London.

George Stirling to his Father Sir Mungo Stirling of Glorat, 15th October 1662.

263. Sir—Knowing that all officers in Scotland, whether in civil or military employment before they enter to the exercise of their respective offices, are to renounce the



nationall and solempne league and covenant, thuth which yow have taken, by subseriving a declaration which is to be tendered to them at the said tyme: and being informed that yow are nominate to be one of the Justices of Peace in Stirlingshire, and fearing that by accepting of the office yow might be drawne to signe the said declaration, (which yow cannot refuse without great offence to the state:) I doe most humbly beseech yow to endeavour that yow may be excused from accepting of that office: I doe not much feare any wither, and I hope yow are not as yet engaged in that, and so the advyce which I send yow (with the bearer), which is a casuist resolving the grand case of conscience of this tyme, will come seasonable to yow: I desire yow will read it and ponder it seriously: Sir, thir ar searching tymes for Christians who are of tender conscience: yow have not as yet beine activelie engaged, and I am glade of it, I pray yow, Sir, resolve now to quyte all publicke employment, (unfairly yow have never beine a gainer, but a great loser, and live at home, serve God, and love your neighbours. If it please God to bring me to yow this shall be my practise for the short tyme I live in the world. Yow have seene much of its vanitie, and so have I for the short tyme I have beine in it: therefore let us seeke after the durable riches which lasts to eternitie. I resolved to writt upon no other subject at this tyme, referring wther bussines to the ordinarie post. Sir, as I am concerned in all your good, so in all your evill: take this advyce from him whom you know prayes to God to preserve and direct yow in all things, and is and shall be

Sir, Your obedient sone and servant to death.

London, 15th October 1662.

Geo. STIRLING.

Sir — If your minister at this tyme be a sufferer upon the poynt of tender conscience, doe not yow adde to his suffering, but rather comfort him. If he be removed by the present authoritie from exercising his office in the ministrie be active in your place to provide a good one, and rather one indifferent, if not of a scandalous behaviour, before Mr. A: D: who perhaps will please to be repossess upon the point of loyalty and unlawfulness of his deposition: but yow [know] that was made up afterwards by his publicke submission in the face of the congregation, and I doubt not but he has done many things which may render him incapable of the ministrie since his deposition.

For Sir Mongo Stirling of Glorrett.

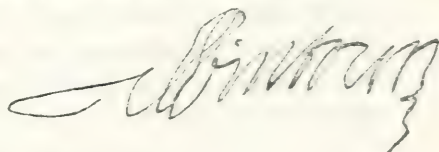




From George fourth Earl of Wintoun, to Sir George Stirling of Keir.

264. Much Honoured Sir — I cannot deny the civilities which I have mett with from you in reference to that debt my Grandfather was engaged into, as one of the customers of Sir George Hamilton, and especially I must thankfully acknowledge your forbearance of the principall sum all this time: yet, Sir, in respect I am but a beginner, and am verie much distressed for other customers for that house of Aberdeen, and in regards of my varie great necessities otherwise also, I must intreat the continuance of your favour for suspending the seeking your principall sum a little time, which I have the more freedom to desire, since I hope you have your annual rent once in the yeir thankfully payed: and because I have written to Sir George Hamilton, the principall debtor, to take some course for your payment and my releefe: whose condition I hear is such, as I am in good hopes that my desire may be satisfied. I shall at this time trouble you no further, confidently expecting the continuance of that favour I have enjoyed these yeris past, which shall put a new obligation upon.
- Sir, your verie thankfull friend and servant.

Edinburgh, 30 January 1664.



For the much honoured, the Laird of Keir — These.

The same to the same.

Edinburgh, 5th March 1664.

265. Honoured Sir — As you by your second letter urge your former desire for providing the principall sum I am engaged in for Sir George Hamilton, so I must still presse your forbearance, my own affairs at this time disabling me to doe it. The qualitie of my oblegement being but a beginner, and the small hopes of my releefe, which now I perceive by Sir George Hamilton's returne to me, are not I acknowledge, legally relevant defenses to discharge from the debt: yett these, and the other burdens I am into for that familie being evidences of my sufferings, I hope they may and shall with you prove arguments for your more tender dealing and forbearance this terme, which



favour I doe acknowledge I have had at your hands, and must yett expect you will continue the same courtesie for some time unto

Sir, your affectionatt friend and humble servant.

WINTOUN.

For the much honoured the Laird of Keir — These.

The same to the same.

Edinbrough, the 24th August 1664.

266. Honoured Sir — I thought to have seen yow before yow had gone off town at your own lodging, being informed that yow were so unwell, that you kept your chamber, otherwayes I wold not have bene so unwill as to have been so long in sending yow a returne. Yow shew me the pressing necessities yow are redacted to for that money I owe yow, which I beleive to be verill, having experience of the like my-self; but I am exceeding serie that I cannot promise at this term of Martines to satisfie your desire, having a part of the weddett of Carluaric to pay at that same terme, the most part of it being consigned at Whitsunday, which ingages me to keep Martines precisely. If I had not bene unexpectedlie forced to pay 5000 lib. to Mr. J. Blair, as a part of a greater sum that I was decreed to pay to him as contentor for the Earl of Marshall, and to borrow 10000 merks to pay the Laird of Glorat in his distresse, (both which my Lord Carden knows well) I think I should have been able to have given you satisfaction; but now the order of my affaires is such that I professe I dare not promise to do any thing towards your satisfaction, but on the contrarye must be yett againe an earnest suiter for your patience and forbearance at this terme also. I have so much experienced your civillities and kyndnes that in respect of my present necessitie, I must still presume upon yow old favoures, and remaine confident of the continuance of them at this time unto

Your affectionatt and obliged friend and servant.

WINTOUN.

For the much honoured the Laird of Keir — These.

From Archibald ninth Earl of Argyll, (died 30th June 1685).

267. Sir — I did represent yours very earnestly to Mr. James of Dowart, who was here in the meane tyme when I removed it. He told me he had one other from yow to the same purpose, and has promised that see some as he could get those persons sent for, he would examine them, and use all diligence to try if they ver the thestes that has stolen your tenments goodes or not, and would acquaint me therewith: see that till I



hear from him I can say noe mor, but that I assure yow ther is nothing in my power to doe for yow, but I will very willingly approve my-selfe to be

Your affectionat friend and servant.

Invereray, 19 Sber 1664.

For Sir George Stirling of Keir.



From Alexander Earl of Glencairn, to the Laird of Carden.

Badrindloch, 26th November, [c. 1665.]

268. Sir—I find by yours that you hav bein misinformed anent your tenants being imprisoned for conventickles: I will asur you ther is non off them incorsirat as yet, for they ar only charged with burning, and the caption will not go out against them befor I go to Edinburch, which is to be the next week, when, if you ar to be about that tym, I shall be glad to heir what you have to say for your tenants, who ar I will asur you most constant transgressors off the law as to conventickles, and other disorders of that nature, which is all from

Sir, your most humble servant,

For the Laird off Carden.

GLENCAIRNE.<sup>1</sup>

From Sir Archibald Stirling (Lord Carden), 1665.

269. Richt Honorabill and loving Cousing —

Polmease is home this day with a dessigne to heave commissioners of the shyer for the Parliament elected upon Tuesday, whilk dyet will be impossible for me to keip, for I am commanded to be in Edinburgh againe upon Monday, being upon a Committee (whairef I send you heirwith a list) that is appointed by ane expresse ordour from the King to condiscend upon the persons who ar to be ceited to the Parliament to mak up their chairge against them, and to heave witnesses in readlines against the down sitting of the Parliament. I shall thairfor, Sir, onlie tell you that this forenoon, heaving occasiune to be with the Lord Chausler, he was verie earnest with me that I wold endeavour to perswad my relations in the shyer to be for Kilsyth to heave him commissioner with Polmease, and indeed he was so free with me as to desyer that I wold deall

<sup>1</sup> From a comparison of signatures, this appears to be Alexander Earl of Glencairn, who succeeded his father the Chancellor, in 1664, and died in 1670.



with Touch to lay himselfe asyd, and gave me assurance that if he so did, he wold bestowd him in his busines to the witness of his power, whilk intaid will be more usidfull to Touch then anie thing he can procure by his owne eariedge in Parliament. I heave thairfor wrent my advice to him, and also desyres, Sir, that yea will give him yours, not onlie to lay him selfe asyd, bot also to vote for the other, and that yea wold be pleased also yourselfe, and anie other yea have power with, to doe the lyk, and I shall find the way to mak it com to the Chausler's ears, who indeed will not be wmmynndfull of it.

The Marquis of Montrose cam to Edinburgh yesternight, who assured me that wpon the receat of the letter I wold you not langue I wrote him, has got assurance from the Lord Secretarie, of the Sherry Clerk's office to Da. More, whilk David may be verie confident of, and yea that in what I can I ever shall be

Yours verie affectioned Cousing and faithfull Servant.

S. ARCH<sup>d</sup> STIRLING.

Ochiltrie [1665.]

From Mr. R. Muschet, Minister of Larbert.

270. Right Honorabill Sir—In the midst of that heavy afflictionne that the Lord hath measured out to me through my brother's murder, I am much comforted by the simpatheie of his relations with my greife, and the counsel and assistance, in reference to my behaviour, and particularlie that my Lord Gordon and your Honour should be pleased to owne me or his childring, who have the honour to be your kinshlik and servants: Sir, I should be ungratull and unworthie to be descended of your Honour's familie, and the familie I proceeded from, if I should neglect to prosecute that John Mitchell, who by verie many convincing presumptions, committed that fact, so far as I am informed or can learne, it's for as the law doth allow; whereinto I hope your Honour nor others of discretionne will condem me: and in relatione to my behaviour towards his wyfe and childring, I hope your Honour hath never heard that I was untractable to freinds, of whom I will esteem your Honour a chief one, and by your Honour's advice and other friends whom I cannot altogether neglect, I purpose to walk with that moderation that it becomes a Cristian and a minister, and in all to behave myselfe with that dutifull respect to your Honour, or any ye plead for, humaise I am.

Sir, your Honour's much afflicted, yet still most humble servant.

MR. R. MUSCHET.

Larber, 15th May 1665.

For the right Honourabill the Laird of Keir—Thos.





From John ninth Earl of Mar.

271. Sir — I receaved your twint letter, whiche I wishe had also miscaried with the first whiche I never sawe, neither the Laird of Innes brother, though yow saye yow know it came to my hands: believe it, Sir, if it had doune so, I should not have denyed it, for I am not good at that.

As to the particular, Cosen, I shall craue leave to spare saying any more of it now, till I see you in the south, where I intend to be in June at furthest.

This miche only, Sir, I cannot but be verie confident that yow, being so neere a friend, will shew me as muche kindness as my other creditors have doune, whoe ar nothing so neere to me, neither in anywayes neere so able to doe me a courtesie as your selfe, and in expectatione hereof, Sir, I shall speak with yow at Edinburgh, and continu

Your affectionat Cosen and Servant.

Kildrummy, Maie 3 1666



For my muche honored Cosen,

St George Sterlin of Keir.

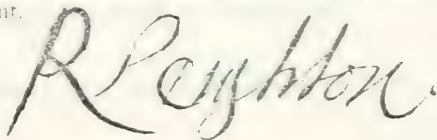
From Robert Leighton, Bishop of Dunblane.

272. Honoured Sir — Yow know well how painfull and vnsuall a thing it is to me to dispute these matters either by word or writt. I have wholly intrusted the clerk with that buisnesse, and not limited him to any sume. If yow make it appear to him reasonable that yow give nothing, nothing hee it: whatsoever is my meannesse of estate, and the ability God has blessed yow with, I am far from the meannesse of mind to plead that: but if the clerk inform yow that others have given some acknowledgement for the very like buisnesse, and that though no new advantage increaseth to yow (for that is not vsuall in any houses), but only the continuance of the ease yow have, and securing yow from being ser'd higher for so many years: if vpon this you be pleas'd to give him any thing, it will help to discharge some litle charities that I have left vpon him to doe for mee, but if that please yow not, whatsoever yow doe shall not displease Sir, your very affectionate and humble servant.

Ed March 20.

For the right wort

Sir George Sterlin of Keir





From the Earl of Callander and Others. [Circa 1670.]

273. Sir—There is a gentleman of very good quality, presently in suite of Mistres Isobell Nicolson, Carnock's awnt, and ye being one of her cuntrie, before we com to a melting of her freinds with his, we thought fit to acquaint yow therewith, as a persone who, we doubt not, but will witness dismatch affection and expression of trew kyndnes toward her as many of her freinds, and being informed that ye are to be heir against the twintie next of this instant, we have delayed the trust till that tyme: but if your affaires can allow yow to come sooner, it will be taken as a favour done to the gentleman and to us, who are,

Sir, your humble servants,

CALLANDER.

JO. NICOLSON.

JO. NICOLSON.

For Sir John Stirling off Keir.

From James first Earl of Callander.

Edinburgh August the 5th 1672.

274. Much Honored Nephew—Soning I am not able to give that attendance at the Comishoners entering in to the shyre as becomes my place and dutie, ye will joyne with the Earlle of Wigton and Generall Major Montgomerie in making my excuse, as I doubt not the most pairt of the rest of the cuntrie will be assisting therein, and meeting of his Grace beyond the bridge of Stirling, at his entry to the shyre. This trouble proceeding from the confidence I have hade of your former favores to

Much honored nephew, your affectionat uncle and humble servante.

Let this present my service to your Lady.

CALLANDER.<sup>1</sup>

For Sir John Stirling of Keire—Thes.

From George Stirling, Chirurgion.

Edinburgh, August 21. 1673.

275. Rycht Honorabill—I went yesterday all I had to say, onlie this day is thir news, wherof the news letter giveth but ane confused account: which is, Monday, the

<sup>1</sup> The Earl was uncle in law to Sir John Stirling, who was married to Lady Margaret Livingston, niece of the Earl.



Fleets engaged in the morning a sharp conflict, the English hauling wind, which immediately changed, so that a whole squad surroundit Sir Edward Sprag who was in the Royall Prince, and so battered their ship, that he was forced to take their boat shor, being ready to sink; by a shot their boat was sunk and he and all with him lost, one other Captaine killed, and Captain Hay lost his leg. The Royall Prince disriged. This continued willit night, and in the dark the Dutch retired, hauling a ship or two sunk, and five or six burnt. The Prince retired to fix the rigging of his ship which coast Tewesday all day to fix hir, and upon Wednesday went in search of the Dutch. This account is given to the King by on Sir John Littlehorne, who was sent off with ane East India Dutch ship that mistook the English fleet for ther own, valued to 100,000 lib. sterling; but as yet the Prince hath wreat no account to the King. I hear not the Victorie nor mentions of, which is the ship your uncle is in. Som privat letters say the French squad did little or nothing. The inclosed ar from your brotherine who wreat nothing this past to.

Ryght Honourabill, your Honouris humble servant.

For the Ry<sup>t</sup> Honner<sup>t</sup> The Laird of Keir.

GEO. STIRLING.

From Alexander second Earl of Linlithgow.

Medie, 2 September 1673.

276. Sir — The day that we appointed to set forth to waitt upon my Lord Commissioner does just correspond with his diett, soe that if yow will be pleased to com here upon Munday the 13 instant, the 14 we may goe to Edinburgh, and the 15 set forward on our voadge. I will assure you it will be well taken. I was of the opinion at last meeting that yonge Tuche wold do well to come alongst with yow for the reason I told you then. I desyre yow will let me have your resolution by this bearer. This is all I shall say untill meting but that I am

Your affectionat brother and servant.

I desyre thes may present my service to my sister.

*Linlithgow*

For Sir Jhone Sterling of Kier — Thess



From Alexander Livingstone, Lord Almonch and second Earl of Colchester (second Son of Alexander second Earl of Liellthgow). 14th March 1674.

277. Much Honoured Sir— It hath pleased Almighty God to call my uncle the Duke of Colchester out of this life, which we intend to intreat upon the ecclesiastical tyte of this instant. There are therefore here many pray to direct the favour as to be witness to my last desire, in accompanying of his corps from his house of Colchester to his burial place at Falkirk, he can do each in the ceremony. This will very much oblige him who is.
- Much honoured Sir, your verie humble servant.

Ed: the 10 of March 1674.

From George Stirling, Chirurgion.

Edin: August 18<sup>th</sup> 1675

278. Right Honourable— That your health and stomach is returned is good news to me. The uncertainty of my wife's health is such that I cannot leave her this week in regard her health is build so that if your Honor send me a lines at your return from Calder I hope to wait upon you. Our news here is that the Bishop of St. Andrews and Seaborth arrived yesterday, who escaped swimming about 11<sup>th</sup> Island, came from the sea over-land, but because they are statesmen I have got no share of their news. In that moment the Frenches got our St. Andrew, besied the generall loss of the armie, we have loosed seven Scots Captains in that battallion of Douglas regiment that was with Dr. Turpin, viz: Douglas, Hay, Larnie, Kerol, Barclay, Coffrine and Laidess, your brother's Captaine. Whether George and Alexander was with him I cannot yet heare, but this list I saw in a letter written from the camp in Sir William Sharp's chamber, since which Marshall de Colprie his armie of 12,000 men are totally cut off, and almost either killed or taken by the Duke of Lunenburg, who was rescuing the Duke of Teavre. The Marshall seeing he could do more, did send this to also some other battallions of the Scots regiment to the Duke fall upon him and cutted off. This is confirmed by these papers, and the now sayd Teavres is taken. Last week there was ano





uproar in London occasioned by the weavers: its reported son person had found out an ingein by which one man will perform more work in one day then ten will doe in the ordinarie: this so offended their honest trade that they in a tumultuouse manner pull downe the houses of thos that had the ingeins, and brok them all they fund, which cam to that height that the king cam to the citie in heast, and calld all his Guards and troups, and ishowed a proclamatione commanding them to their houses, under paine of rebellione. Some sayeth it quenshed, and other nott. Showe Garden Sir William Sharpe is displeasd he hath not yet receaved his monie: he shewes me its 50 lb. Sterl. The rebellione in Breimane is not yet compiesst. This is all from,

Ryght Honorabill, your honours humble servant,

[GEO. STIRLING.<sup>1</sup>]

For the Ry<sup>t</sup> Honou<sup>r</sup> the Laird of Keire — Thos.

From Mr. Walter Stirling, Minister of Baldernock.

Baldernock, October 8, 1675.

279. Ryght Honorable — Notwithstanding that at my return hom upon Tensday I found my eldest dawghter dangerously sick, and upon Wednesdaye morning my self fell into a most violent distemper of body, which I now find to be a relaps into her former spotted fever, wherof shee is now verey dangerously sick, I went to Rosbe, wher I fownd the Laird of Buchannan, (a most passionet Lover,) the second time in play, (and for aney thing I can lerne it is not loik to prove earnest with both, and so much the les of my cominge theret). I consulted my father how to carie in the dischaing of that trust, who was unwilling that I should speak to the young Lodie first, though

<sup>1</sup> It was probably this George Stirling who is mentioned by Wedrow, as the 'pleasant young gentleman,' who, after the execution of Mr. James Guthrie, came 'in the place that the body was assesting, and poured out a Barrell of rich yntment on the body, which filled the whole church with a noble perfume.' One of the ladyes says, 'God bless you, Sir, for this labour of love which you have shewn to the stink body of a servant of Jesus Christ!' He, without speaking to any, giving them a kiss, removed, and being to be discovered. It was known after that that person was George Stirling, late chirurgion to 'Edinburgh.' [Anabaptist, vol. i, p. 119.] In the life of Mr. James Guthrie, this incident is again alluded to — 'When Mr. Guthrie's body was dressed, there was a worthy Christian friend came in with a box of fragrant ointment (I suppose the person was George Stirling the chirurgion, and broke it upon Mr. Guthrie's body, and which caused a most fragrant smell.' [Ibid. ib. p. 119.] Nicolson says, that 'George Stirling chirurgion in Edinburgh,' and probably the same as the writer of the above letter, was 'descended of the family of Clidder, and married, first, an auld beggild, second, a younger miss in chief gaites, and a trap in [a chirurgial instrument, in base, proper, three hundred, an chest, a dexter hand, painting a lancet, proper. Motto: By wounding I cure.' [Vol. i, 462.]



opportunitie then offered (as it did not, shee was so well attended) her to her father, which I did. He was exceeding sorry that I had not com five or six dayes sooner, before Buchanan made his second adres here in short. Sir, I feind that if your Honnor will be pleased with the portion he can give, the costs will be shortly cleared, and if not, I feind their is probabilitie that Buchanan will gain his point. The greatest lenith that I could drive Luss to, was sixteen thousand pound Scots, though I presumed to say that it could not be expected that ye wold tak les than twenty, but my father can fullie satisfie your Honnor in this, yet I am content, ye conceall my letter as to this, for I was desaired to hould at one thousand pound Sterling or thiney thousand markes. The reason why I was not permitted to make known your Honnors suit to the young ladie and hir mother, was lest it should altogether heave brack up Buchanan's business, (non of them being cordial for it, which was not desired til your Honnors further pleasour was known, and if I should be blamed for not doing of it, I must say my commission did not reach so farr, for her brother told me that your Honnor said that if Buchanan was in the play, ye wold not meddle in it. So, Sir, if ye and my father accord, I doubt nothing, but Buchanan will be permitted to go his jurney to the antipods, which he says (as I am informed) shal not terminat it. Sir iff the portion be satisfeing, I doubt nothing but the person and hummer will, and I beg, good blessing, it may prove a very comfortable match to your Honnor. If I heave committed any innoimetei in this, I hope your Honnor will inapout it not to my intention, but rather to my simplisity, and if ye heave aney further commands for me in this, or aney thing els, you shal ever find me to my power as fervent, as faithfull to do your Honour service, which is but the dewtie of

Your Honnors most humble servant,

WAL. STERLING.

For the Ry<sup>t</sup> Honble the Laird of Keir—Thes.

From Mr. W. Sterling, Senior, Baldernock, 19th October 1675.

Rosbe, 19 Octob. 1675.

280. Ryght Honourabill Sir—I thoct fit according to my promis, to acquaint you that Buchanan's bussines heir is fullie and fairlie giffen ype upon the gentill womanes declarering hir possitile overtiemne from that bussines, which she ever did from the begining, together with hir mother sisters dyssement from the maitnor which has giffen the offinell strok to that offiure: so Sir, Buchanan went from this this day, with ane resolutionn not to see this place no more, nor to be ane Scots man, so that he says



he will live the cuntry shortlie: I find Buchanan possioun to be very great: Therefore I think it will not be fit that this bussines of yours be anie way moved into nor communicat to anie mor then it is already. List the gentillman prove exasperat. So, Sir, gif yow can heave the patience to forbear from your persuit for ane month, or such a tyme till matters war sattled, and a liell digested, I doubt not but thingis may be brocht about for your more satisfactorie. I thocht to send this letter to your cusing Mr George as yea desyred me, altho I know him to be your great freind, for fear of suspition, for gif the secret cam to mor handis nor thus, it may be divulged, and when I can heave the fit or convenient tyme yea shall be assured I shall not be wanting to acquent your worship, and it may be shoner nor you expect. I desyr you may live wrold with my son wher ye may get my lettres conveyed to you, and heaving nothing ellis to ad bot that I am, Sir, Your worships most obedient Servant.

W. STIRLING.

For the Ryt hon: The Laird of Keir.

The Honorable Patrick Lyndsay of Kilbirny, to Sir John Stirling of Keir.

Kilbirny, October ult. 1676.

281. Right Worshipfull Sir—I cannot expresse the extreame joy I resented at the acceptable newes of your Ladys saife delivery of a sonne. I wish you both much joy of him, and your Lady a suddain and happie recovery, to whom my wyfe and I desires to be affectionately remembre: and also to my grandchild the younge Laird, whose health I am now drinking, and to all the rest of the good companie there. I hope you will be me reasone, the bearers haist will allow me to ad no more but what I will ever, that I am in all trew affection kyndnesse,

Yours to serve yow.

For the Laird of Keir.

P. LYNSAY of Kilbirny.

From John sixth Earl of Rothes, Lord Chancellor, to the Same.

282. Sir—His Majesties Privy Councill having thought fit that the rendezvous of that Militia troupe of Horse in the shyre of Perth now under your command, (whereof Leivtenant General Drummond was hitherto Captain) for this year 1677, should be at Perth, the first day of June next: They have joyntly notice to be given to you theirow, that you may give tyndous advertisement of the same to all persones concerned, that the dyet may be punctually kept: at which the muster master general, or one



deputed by him, will be present. This the Council has ordered to be signified to you  
By your humble servant.

*This is cancelled*

Ed<sup>r</sup> 3 Apryle 1677.

Sir John Stirling of Keir.

The Honourable Patrick Lindsay of Kilbirny, to Margaret Baillie, Lady Luss, on her  
marriage to Archibald Stirling of Garden

Kilbirny, April 24, '77.

283. Deare Sister — I was just taking horse for Aehans when your letter arived my hands. I shall not say but the newes of your marriage surprised me, neither shall I desemble my thoughts so farre as not to confesse I had rather wished you had continued unmarried for the advantage of your sonne's affairs; but since the cause is other-ways, I shall not condeame your choice, since the gentleman is very deserving. If your sonn's businesse go weel on, it is that which I shall looke upon as the hight of my ambition: the family of Lusse being on of the familys on earth I wish most happinesse to. I am your husband's most humble servant. I wish you both much joy together, for I shall ever endeavour to aprove myselfe to be

Deare Sister, your affectionat Brother<sup>l</sup> and most humble servant,

P. LINDSAY of Kilbirny.

For the Lady Lusse.

Sir Archibald Stewart of Blackhall and Ardgowan, Baronet, to Margaret Baillie, 'Lady Lusse,' on her marriage to Archibald Stirling of Garden.

Ardg. 24th Aprile 77.

284. Madam — God give you joy. Ye have made good hast indeed, and I shall conclude charitable of all ye have done, in regard thos that ar wise knoweth best where ther

<sup>1</sup> The writer was brother-in-law of Margaret Baillie, being married to Margaret Crawford, his younger sister uterine.





owne shoee binds them. Your Ladyship might have spared your trouble in makinge ane appollogie to me for your speidlie dispatch. The ward of your mariadge was not in my hand; and if ye have managed your business to your owne satisfaction, and your sonns advantage, I shall not be ill to please: but ye may lay your reckoning to be the subject of much peoples discourse for some days; and that thes months that were oppen befor to speak unfavourable of you, will now be opened much wider, and much of this shall be occasioned by the hastic and unexpected execution of your conclusions, for that your mariadge was intended and designed, ther were few of us all so blind or blockish as not to understand, but what should have occasioned the carieing on of affaires at such a rate, and by such a method, we cannot at all conjecture: for my owne part I do confess I never had so much witt or discretion that it was in the least necessar to considr me, or once spear my advice in such a matter, all I could pretend to was reall kindness to you and your children: but I wish ye had payed home Kilbirnie's kindness with a mor handsome requittail then dispose of your self to any person without acquainting him with it: for as he is a gentleman above the ordinar rank of people for his birth, so is he for his kindnes, wherof ye had as great a schure as any I knew besides: on thing I am glade of that I hope this will afford a great ease to your sons friends in the ordering of his affaires: and that your new choice will take much of the burden off your old confidants: and if it fall out so (as I am confident it will), I sueare I shall be glader of that then I am of his being my neir relation: a qualitie which I find ye judge sufficient to atone for all the injurie can be done me: and trulye ye judge right, for much less then that may make satisfaction where ther is no wronge done. However God guide you, and if any be disposed to condemne this as ane escape of youth, I wish ye may be helped by a wise and prudent conversation in tymes coming, to make them change ther thoughts of you. I think ye have married a verie fyne gentleman, and whatever good opinion I have of him, I wish you may have ane hundreth tymes more, and continue so till the end: therefore I shall never condemne your mariadge (that is honourable amongst all), but I do confess ther are some informalities, such as not honouring your friends to seek ther advice, and something of ane extraordinarie speidlie dispatch that I will not approve. Pardon my freedom, and be as kind a wife as ye will, but be also a kind mother, and then, and on no other account, will ye find me,

Madam, Your kind Brother<sup>1</sup> and humble Servant,

A. STEWART.

For My Lady Luske Thos.

<sup>1</sup> The writer was brother-in-law of Margaret Baillie, being married to Anne Crawford, her elder sister at one



From Lieutenant, afterwards Lieutenant Colonel, George Murray, to Sir John Stirling of Keir.

Edinburgh, June 22 [1677.]

255. Sir — I am informed that you are not resolved to be chosen for this Parliament, which I admire at. I think strange that you would suffer any others to be elected for the Shyre, but Touch and your selfe, since I know it depends upon you to make it so. I know the Marques of Montrose will not only ease his interest with his friends for you and Touch, but is likewise verrie much concerned to have you to accept of it for severall reasons I shall acquaint you with at meetings, and particularly for this one reason, that some busy peipoll here makes it their business to represent you as disaffected to the government, which I know is a base calunny, for your self and all your forebears have given good testimony of their loyalty, upon all occasions, neither will you meet with those difficulties at this Parliament, as some sort of peipoll would have us believe. My wyfe is brought to bed of a fyne boy, she presents her service to you, and your Lady, and so dis-

Sir, Your most affectionat and most humble servant.

G. MURRAY.

For Sir Jhone Stirling of Keyre—This.

The same to the same.

Edenburgh, June 29, 1677.

256. Sir — My Lord Marques desired me to acquaint you that he will begin his journey from this next Thursday, for the Duke and Duchess will be at Durham the 7 of July. My Lord is verrie desyrous to have you goe along with him, and your brother Charles; it will be an obligation to him, and a complement to the Duke and Duchess. I hope you will not refuse. My brother is resolved to goe with my Lord if his wyfe be any waye in a recovery. My wyfe presents her service to you and your lady, and so dis-

Your most affectionat and humble servant.

G. MURRAY.

For Sir Johne Stirling of Keyre—thes.

The same to the same.

Edenburgh, June 30, [1677.]

257. Sir — I received both yours: that with the account of your Elections and your Comission came to me upon Wednesday. I immediately went to the Register and delivered it. Next morning at the Dukes restinge I told him that you and Touch was Comis-



sioners: he ansurd that he was informd that you was a very honest gentleman, which was seconded by a great many besyd myself, both as to your self, and to your father and family: he askt me if Touch was marryd to your sister. I gave the Marques of Muntrose an account of your later: he was mightilly well pleased that you was elected, and bids me asur you he is your reall freind, and will not onally serve you in your concerns as to your being Condisoner, but in every thing else you desyre. This day I met with the Laird of Airthe, who complains that he has bein ill caused by you. He has lyknages givin the Duik an account of the Election: the Duik ansurd he was verry glad that ther was three honest men choisne, bot you most concern your self that you be not baited as so shall all your freinds: I hoop ther is no hazard in it. Ther is littill newes by the last: ther is two fauntike fellows maed choise of for to serve for shirives for London for the ensuning yere: they ar worse then the last, if worse can be, for they ar of Oliverrs ould stamp: they wear to the palle, but it was carryed for them by above twelue hunder. My Lord Haton and his son went to Fyffe to quest ther intrest for the Electtors, but all they could doe was to mak one vot, and besyd they wer treated by the gentlemen with verry littill respect. Sir Charles Haket and Enstruthere younger was choisne without aney debate: Philiphauch and Galaskell is for the Forrest, Blakbarony and Strenop for Tuelall, Makerstoun and Stitchelle for Tevidaele, Orleton and Greink for Ranthren: it is thought Sir Geo. Locarte and Crumell Lockart will be for Gledsdaell. Ther is a great work maed to disappoint Salton for East Louthiane: pray God you may all agree beter when you meet in Parliament then you have at the most of the Elections. My wyfe has her affectionat love, and service remembred to your lady, your selfe, and all yours, and so dis your most affectionat and humbill servant.

G. MURRAY

For Sir Jhone Stirling of Keyre—Thes.

From William last Earl of Menteith.

The Isle of Menteith, May 29, 1678.

288. Right Worshipfull — I did see ane order that was isshued out by you to have the Militia troupe be att Perth the thirtieth of this instant. I am loader for one horse within the parish of Aberfyll, and although I gott never my Localite for the horse, no nor much my own hand butt was given to others: yet notwithstanding for all that, I still sett my horse to the randivenge day, butt indeed, at present I am altogether out of horses, see that I have not one till I buy them, and if I had known of this your



order four or five dayes sooner. I would have striven to provided a horse and man for the randivouse sufficiently mounted every way. I most humble intreat you, most noble Sir, that ye wad be pleased not to imput to me want of willingnesse and readinesse for his Majesties service, and I am verie hopefull of your favour to me that ye will not send out no partie upon me for dedelencie att this tyme, qulich I assure you I shall not from henceforth be any more deficient butt shall keep all the randivous dayes that ye will be pleased to command all that is in the power of much honoured, your much obleidged humble servant.

*Meitciff*

From James Stirling, to his brother, Sir John Stirling of Keir.

Edinburgh, 5th off June 1678.

289. Right Honorable — I mette with your man Will verie accidentalie, and he told me that you are al verie wel, qulich I aune glade, and I pray God continow itt. The reason off my long stay heere is to make moiene for a place, and to waitte upon the Comishoner hes Grace. There is no places disposed one as yeatte. I hope, Sir, you will doe me the feavure as so doe in that affeare: thair is verie monie speaking places: this day ther is ane reven off the Kings Troupe at Lhithgow, whar my Lord Ormella is. Itt is thoughte that my Lord wil gette fortie outte of the troupe, and have other fortie to be conjuncte with the Kings Guard. My Lord Earlie is thoughte with his Liftenante. I heare nothing off my Lord off Atholl, he is coming doune with the reste are al coming doune. Ther is severals comed doune this weake: ther is ane cessatione for six weakes qulich undoubtedly wil end in a peace. Nette trubling yow anie farder I rest. Sir, your affectionatte Brother and humble Servant,

JAMES STIRLING.

My service to your Lady, and Miss Magdalane, and Billie. I resolve to come away from this the nixte weake.

From William first Earl of Dundonald.

290. Much Honored and Loving Cussing—It hath pleased God to call the Lord Cochrane, our eldest sone, out of this mortall life to his eternall glory. Wee intend to interr





his corps in our buriall Isle of Dundonald church, upon Thursday the tuentie fyfth of this instant. We earnestly desire yow to come to our house of Achna the said day, betuixt ten and eleven of the clock, to accompanie his corps to their buriall place whereby ye shall very much oblige,

Sir, your most affectionat Cussing to serve you.

Pasley, September 3. 1679.

For the Laird of Keir.

*Dundonald*

From Alexander second Earl of Calander.

Calander, 22 September 1679.

291. Honoured Sir — You know by His Majesties proclamation publicly intimat as was comanlit, that all Noblemen, Barrones, Gentlemen and Free holders within the Shire of Sterling ar comanlit to receive His Majesties Commissioners of Justiciary at their entry to the Shyre the last instant, and to convey them to the brugh of Sterling, and to wait vpon them ther during their aboad, and to convey them farta of the Shyre till they be receavit be the next Shireldife when they ar to goe: Sir I doubt not of your readines to this His Majesties commands, and if you pleas to come to Calander be ten of the clock in the forenoone, you shall be attendit from thence to Lindisgow Bridge, which is the first place of their entry to this Shyre, by,

Sir, your humble servant.

*Calander*

For Sir John Stirling of Keir.

From Arthur Ross, Archbishop of Glasgow.

Glasgow, Oct. 4. 1680.

292. Much Honored — I receaved on Saturday last a commission granted be his Majesty under the great seall, dated the fourth of May, to severall persons, for visiting this university; and you being one of the number, ye ar desired to be present here at Glasgow, the ninetynth day of this instant October, (which is the first appoynted in the



commission for our meeting to consult and determine what shall be thought fit and convenient for the ends proposed in the said Commission and ye shall be waited on by.

Honored Sir, your very humble servant.

*Arth. Glasser:*

For Sir John Stirling of Keir—Thesse

From George Stirling, Chirurgien, Edinburgh.

Edinburgh, October 27th, 1680.

293. Right Honourabill—The Duke and Duches of York accompanied with two men of warr and 3 yeaghts landit in Fyff yesterday about midday, wher the Chancelor and many Councelers that wer wreat for attendit them, who ar to stay at Leslie whill the May be in order for them: ther ar with them Athals 2 sons, Pannors 2 brothers, the Master of Salton's sounne, the Laird of Lundie, and Mr Paterson clerk. They sett sail from the Thames Thursday last, after a sudden resolutione. Receive the Kings speach in wreat, becaus its not yet come here in prent, which is all from.

Right Honourabill, your honours humbll servant,

Geo. STIRLING.

For the Ryt Honn<sup>d</sup> the Laird of Keire.

From Charles tenth Earl of Mar.

Edinburgh, 1<sup>st</sup> January 1681.

294. Sir—I receaved yours, and on from your brother: you need not doubt my kindness to Mr. James: bot as to that of Mr. Charles Fleeming's chang, I know nothing: nor doe I believe it will be, bot tho it were, it is not in my power to dispose of it, no Officers place in my Regiment having ever been filled up by my recommendation, bot my oune Ensigne's allennarie. I shall be glade to doe you or mine of yours what service lyes in my power, as is the duty off.

Sir, your most humble servant.

MAR.

From John Wordie, Sheriff-Clerk, Stirling.

295. Right Honourabill—The Earle of Callader, by his warrant dated the 29<sup>th</sup> of this instant, has ordered me to advertise the gentlemen baronets and titholders within the Shyre, to meet his hynes the Duke of York at Liddilgow bridge, one Thursday next.



being the thrid of February, be one a clock in the afternoon, for attending his hys-  
from thence to Stirling: Hes Lordship also desired me to shew you that he has no  
publict warrant for the same, bot that it is expected that he as Shirrieff should give  
you advertisement thair-of, quhilk his Lordship expectes ye will obey.

I am your Honoures most humble and obedient servant,

Stirling, the last of January 1681.

JOHN WORDIE.

For the Right Hono<sup>r</sup> the Laird of Keir.

From James third Marquis of Montrose.

296. Sir—Having prevailed so far with His Grace the Archbishop of St Andrews to decline his recommendation in behalf of Mr. Gordon to the church of the Port, by a line under his own hand to the Bishop of Dunblain, and not doubting but upon the earnest desire I have made to the Bishop, he will confirm Mr. Walter Stirling in that benefice, by which means the church of Baddernock will become vacant: I have taken the freedom earnestly to request you would not dispose of that vacancy till I have the honour to see you, or if you do, that it be in favours of none but Mr. Alexander Duncan, who is the person I have thought fit to recommend, and who I earnestly intreate may be after the accustomed manner of presentation confirmed by you in that church and benefice. I know he has been recommended to you by several noble and worthy persons, and I am fully persuaded he will not fare the worse by this application from

Sir,

Your humble servant,

Edinburgh, 7th May 1681.

*Montrose*

Major Edmiston being leader of a Militia horsman in your troop, and at the same time Major of the Militia Regiment under my command, and finding it something hard to discharge both duties together, I thought fit to intreate you to dispence with his absence from your troop some times, and this will likewise be an obligation on.

For the Laird of Keir.

From James Sterling to his Brother, Sir John Sterling of Keir.

Berwick, May the 13th 1681.

297. Dear Sir—I received your Letter, and doe most hartlie acknouldig your great kyndnes. I confes I am at present in a verei deplorable conditione, my loss (as I take



it) being more then ordinarie, having lost a most kynde wife, and a tender mother to hir children, and one who, for hir vertues and parts, I was never worthie of, and so it hath pleased God to deprive me of hir. Sir, I humbly thank you for your kynde invitatione. I doubt not of a kynde welcome from my friends, but I think I shall hardlie resolute to come much abroad this summer. I have not as yitt been out of my chamber, nor I can not as yitt resolute when I shall. Sir, I can writ no more so I must beg your pardon, onlie I intreat my most kynde service to your lady and beleive me to be.

Sir, your most affectionat uncle and humble servant,

JAMES STERLING

Sir John Sterling of Kier. Leave this with Mr. Georg Sterling chirurgion in Edenburg, to be sent as above directed. Edenburg.

John Sterling of Craigharnet, to Sir William Purves, Baronet.

Campse, 11th Julij 1681.

298. Right Honorabill—I received yours of the 14 June last, and as I am very glend yow and Succoth hath fallen on any way eather for continuing or begutting a good understanding amongst ourselves, (especially in jognung against such as would destroy vse all: see I am a littell concerned in the latter part of it, as if my carriage of latt had not been unsuerable to my professiones. It is trew I have been see wuluppie this three yeirs past, as not only to have been putt to great trouble, both in body, mind, and the littell fortune I had, but also to have been mis-construed and misrepresented in all my actions, which God is my witnes, (who must be my judge,) I never acted farther to the prejudice of that family, then what might conduce with my awne safety, nor ever did I intend by any diligence of myn to have maid further vse thereof then consisted with my payment and releif. Who hes been the incendiaries to cast fyre amongst vse God forgive them: for my conscience beirs me witnes of the reality of my intentions, and had thos (who hes indeavored by your division and myn to promott their awne ends,) been als ingenious and fair in their actings, its lyk things had been att some close befor this. For your deektir, Sir, if any thing hes escaped her that might reflect wpon me I forgive her, bot in case I have eather done or said any thing that was unsuitable to a person of her worth when ever any such thing is maid apoir, I schall be lyable to any censor yow shall putt wpon me: nor knew I any thing could ceation her passion save the proceeding in our diligence, and I beivre Succoth will vindicat me in that as being done not see wnjusly as at any unseasonable tyme. I crave





pardon for this trouble, and only shall desire yow may continew your good opinions of me: and [he] ease I be wanting in any thing may contribut for the lady your daughters good and her children, which may consist with my some salffty, then I shall be willing to lye under all the aspersiounes hath frequently been cast upon me. It is not my fault Mr. Fergusons byrn amendment was not sent in, your good son Sir George having als much in his hand as to have payit her or reimbursit yow. I continew.

Sir, your most humble servantt.

JOH. STERLING.

Present my wyfs service and myn to my lady and your good children. If you find Sir, Gastoun has a mynd for any of Glencuts estate, for God sak lett him have it in any place he choyses, that he may be pleased, and thereby nether prejudge his wnkill nor me.

For Sir William Purvynse of that ilk Baronett.

FRAN. J. SETON.

Seton, the 12 of August 1683.

209. Sir — I am heartely glade of your safe returne from the waters. I hope the bathes hath contributed much to your health. I did not knoe of your tackeing journey till this bearer told me he spoke with this day who brought a letter from Garden showing that ther is a companie levied by the Merchants of Londone to goe for the East Indies, and your wnkil is verie desirous, and he hath, that your brother Harie might be Ensigne to the Companie, and your wnkil hath bespoken the Capitaine to keep the Ensignes place vacant til ther com word whither Harie will imbrace it or not, for when Garden wrot his letter he thought you had been at Bristo, and went ther to speake with you in that affair, and now since you ar come houn, I desir you may resolve to send him, for both Capitaine Stirling and Garden ar most pressin that this occasioun be not slighted. He writs to me they have good pay, and wil have occasioun both to be a sea souldier, and a land one: and more they will have the priviledg of trading which in a short tyme wil make him a rich man, and if he war his only son he thinks he could not bestow him better. They ar verrie pressin and earnest with me, not knowing it seems of your being so stoon in Scotland, to hast Harie away with all possible hast. Since they ar so pressing, it is my own opinion not to slight this occasioun. His Commission will be a hundred pound sterling, so I intreat yow may send a return of this to Garden with the verrie first post. Garden desies me to direct my letters for him for Mr. Stirling at Mrs. Smithsons in Heymachet, near Cherrin Cross, for he wil be at London befor any letters from Scotland can com to him, so you may direct your-



My service to your self and Ladie: so soon as I com from this Ill com and kiss your hands. I am, Sir, your most humble servant.

For the Laird of Keir.

J. SETONE.

Five Letters from 'C. Stirling' or Bower, 'Lady Menthlie,' to her Cousin Archibald Stirling of Garden.

Referred to at page 60.

300. My dear Cousin—I received one of yours long agoe by Mr. Crichton, and another lately from Dundie. The first I would have answered long agoe, but Mr. Crichton has been in the north near this five weeks, so that I could not get that occasion; and when I write any other way it comes but seldom to your hands: he came home our way Saturday last, and promises to get this safely to you. You will know by the inclosed that I did not neglect to write to Mr. Brown a pretty while agoe, and this is his answer. Truly, dear Cousin, I must tell you I expect little kindness that way, how I shall do with you I know not, for ther's no doubt but you stand in need of your money, and I could wish with all my heart I had it to give you. As for my own circumstances, I am still wrasteling on with great difficulties. I here Sanders Bower still has a mind to keep a part of that litle money of ours in his own hand, which can no way trust with what we have adoe at this terme: but however Mr. Crichton has been so kind to offer to advance the money, and take his bond in case wee be straitned, and that Sanders Bower will not give the money. Truly, dear Cousin, I know not how much I am obliged to that good honest man so I entreat you give him thanks upon my account. As for my children, I hope in few years the two eldest will do for themselvs, but in the meantime how all there prentice fees shall be pay'd, I know not. I must trust to God's providence, for now wee are indulged, and it must be pay'd, although I know not yet the way how it shall be done. Your galson Eucharie was not abroad when yours came to my hand; but I hope by this time he is either gone, or just a going, where I hope he shall be as well as all his friends could wish him, and I hope shall not trouble none of us any more. I am much obliged to my sister Annas kindness: I will say if my husband's friends had been as kind as my own, it had not been so ill with us as it is. I pray God forgive them; and I shall very willingly, since there is no way to heaven but by the way of the cross, I shall most willingly embrace it, by the assistance and grace of God Almighty. I send my sister Anna lower some and two poud a while agoe, and shall send her the rest of her annuall in or about Whitsunday. God Almighty reward you all, for had it not been your kindness, I



verily believe I had not had a house to set in. I have reason to be thankful to God that sturs up such friends in time of need. Who knows but some of mine may be servicable to you or yours? which I shall wish, and which will be there very great duty. My Jemey takes exceeding well with his trade, and his master hes an extraordinary kindness for him, and uses him very discreetly. He is just now here, and gives his humble duty to you. As for poor Sandy he went from this in March, and I here is arrived in Norway. When I shall see him God knows. I pray God have a care of him, for he is really thought a very sharp hale. Poor things! they are on of my greatest comforts in this world. All here are well, and gives there service to you, your Lady, and children, and wishes you all happiness, as I do, who am

Dearest Cousin, your very affectionat Cousin and ever obliged Servant,

C. BOWER.

I remember I am still your debtor for the dressing of my watch which shall not be forgot.

Methie, Aprill the 27, 1702.

For the Laird of Garden at the Kier — thies.

301. My dear Cousin — I received yours, and am heartily glad to know of your welfare, whereof I wish the continuance. Your son hes done me the kindness to stay here a little with me, which hes been very great comfort to me, and now as great trouble to part with him. I am glad, dear Cousin, that you have such a son, who may be, I am sure, a very great comfort to you, for, truly, I will say a more sweet and pleasant nature I never knew, and on that I think will very much follow your foot-steps in kindness to his friends, which I truly find, for I cannot express my obligation to him. God Almighty presarve him to you, and you to him, which will be a very great comfort to me. I am put in hope by my sister Ann, that you have a mind to see us this summer. I wish you keep your resolution, which would rejoyce me exceedingly, for it is what I long for extrednly, and hes done this great while. I shall obey you, dear Cousin, in giving your annuallents to my sister Ann. I leave the account of any of our affairs to your son who can tell you very well how I am stated. All here are well, and give thier humble duty to you, and I am as ever.

My dear Cousin, your most affectionat Cousin and ever obliged Servant,

C. BOWER.

My humble service to your Lady and all your hopefull children.

Methie, April the 21, 1703

The Laird of Garden att Poll Moss, Sterling — thies.



Methic, August the 5th 1761.

302. My dear Cousin—I received your letter by my cousin James, who came here on Friday last. I prevailed with him to stay with us till Sunday was by. I am very glad to see any of our friends here: I am much surpris'd that you tell me in yours that you got no account of my sister Margarit's death, I being so carefull to write every particular about to you the very first post day after her death. My letter was dated from Dundie the 21 of June, directed to you at Mr. Walter Sterlings; according as you gave me the direction. I told you in it that she dy'd of a spotted fever seven days after her delivery, and that she left two children behind her, whereof one of them has been with me since May was a year: the other is at nursing in the countrey near Kinclaven. They are both boys. Mr. Brown is truly to be pitied, for he has really lost a very good wife, but poor woman she was but beginning to come to her trouble. What will come of her children now I know not. I pray God provide for them. Dear Cousin, as for those peapers you write of to me, if I had a secure hand, I should send them over, but the Post being so uncertain, I'm afraid to venture them with it: it that business will cost much money, I fear I will not get it done for after annuallents and publick dues are pay'd, and other necessary things done, I have very little more: but, dear Cousin, I hope you will help to get it as cheap as possible, for it would be very hard for me to be miserable after his death, in whos life I could never be happy. My son James is come home after being taken by the French, and all taken from him, and shot through the left leg, although I bless God he is now very well, and walks well again. I cannot say but he is much beter of his travils, and has been very fregall, for he had put a thousand marks to the fore, and if he had accomplished his voyage, he had reliv'd all his debts, for he was doctor of the shipe, and got leave to trade, so he had put all upon goods, his Capt. being kill'd after a most bloody fight, the french being double their number, they were forst to surrender, after which some of the french, being drunke, shot amongst the prisoners, and it was then that my son got his wound, for you know the time of the ingadgment he was below. I think it necessary now that he stay at home, for since the sea is so dangerous, I'm afraid to venture him abroad again. Now, dear Cousin, I send this to you by way of Drummond, so I hope you will let me here from you the same way again, for I hope it will be more secure than the Post. My sister Ann, Methic and my sons give all their humble respects to yourself, Lady, and Children, as I do, who ever shall be your most affectionat Cousin and obliged servant,

The Laird of Garden at Pollmese—theirs.

C. STERLING.





303. Dear Cousin — I received yours dated the 25th of Agust directed to Mr. Douglas care. I esteem my self always happy when I can here from you, and still the more when I know you are well, and as I have allways found you on of the best of my friends, so I still find the continuance of the same, and since I am not able to reward you, I pray God Almighty do it, and I wish that my children may be still gratefull for the benefit both they and I have receiv'd from you: dear Cousin, the inclos'd will now let you see what my intentions are anent my affairs, which I think will be much easier than the other, for really money cannot be got by me: as for my sons going abroad again is what I cannot think upon as yet, he having past such hazards. I'm loath to expose him to more, and still what he gains to be taken from him: he is still very desirous to goe himself, but I cannot consent as yet. I'm serey for your son's misfortune in breaking his leg, but glad that he is in the recovering hand. I pray God make them all brave men to you. I am very sensible, my dear Cousin, of the loss you sustain by your dear son, but I hope in God he may returne to you again, with more comfort than ever. In the meantime, I pray God Almighty preserve him. I'm sure he has the good wishes of all that know him. Methie and my sons give their humble duty to you. I'm sery the Lady Touch is become so tender. I heard nothing of it before. My humble respects to her, your Lady, and the rest of my good friends with you. I am, as ever,

Dear Cousin, your most affectionat Cousin, and obliged Servant,

C. STERLING.

Methie, Sept. the 25th 1796.

To the Leard of Garden att Pollmesse, Sterling.

No date: circa 1796.

304. My dear Cousine — I received your Letter a pretty while agoe, but could never, till now, get ane occasion to give you an answer, with my hearty thanks for your kindness and concerne in me and my familiey. I still find you the same that you ever was. I pray God reward you: wee are all well here, except the old man, who is very infirme, and still looking for death. My daughter in law was brought to bed of a daughter the sixteenth day of Decembar last, a very pretty thriving chyld as can be; but, my dear Cousin, for that of being out of difficulties and troubles, is what I need never to think upon, for as one goes another comes, and this life is nothing but a perpetuall warfare. God Almighty give every one of us grace to suffer our crosses and tribulations as wee should do, and then it will be happy for us in time and eternity. The first part of your letter I goe alongst with it very well, for I know whom God loves he often



chastises, but the second part I do not so very well agree with, altho' I attribute it to an affect of your kindness in wishing me to be what you judg best. I shall not pretend, dear cousin, to have clergy to your height, it not belonging to my sex, but sure I am to have the right upon my side, which, allass, you want, as it seems to me, from your own argument, for not to mention any other, for what you condemn in the principals of state, the same you fall into in regard of the church, though you have fare greater grounds for the true church which you discern and disobey against my sentiments then for that of the state which both you and I own: for example the light of nature, and the Christian law, doth both agree in this that wee should own and obey all lawfull powers under pain of damnation. So fare wee agree. But the law of nature also tells us that the goodness of God being such that he would have all men to be say'd whom he created for glory in the possessing himself, tells us also that his justice hath lay'd down such a methode to save us, that all men, learn'd and unlearn'd, are capable to follow, in order to save them. The positive lawe of Christians confirms this, for in it I find in all the Creeds the Catholicke Church given us for our guide. Immediately after the beliefe of the Trinity, Christ in the holly Scriptures says the same, commanding us to believe the Church under pain of damnation, and very good reason for this, seeing he hath promised to be with her to the world's end, as also the holly ghost the spirite of truth to suggest unto her all truth for this reason, who obeys her obeys christ, and who disobeys her disobeys christ, because its christ and the holly ghost that speaks to us by the mouth of the church, who conspiently maintains that she erreth, gives the lie to Christ and the holly Ghost: its here, my dear Cousin, wee disagree, and I would to god you owned her authority with me, and this is my dayly prayer for you, this is a rule that all people are capable of, and whereby all may be saved who follow it, wheres your church of England, of which you glory so much to be a member, and who but as it were yesterday, rebel'd from us in Henry the eight's time, contradicts herein both creeds and scripture. Here, in this main and only point, all the contriverry depends: for look to her confession or profession of faith in the book of commune prayer, and there you will find that after she sets down the creeds, she gives both them and christs promises the lye, in telling us that all churches can and doth err, and conspiently leaves man to himself without a sure and certain guide to conduct him to his last end. I know you will say he hath the Scriptures the word of God for his guide—allass here you fall into the most terrible blunder that can be, for whilst you flatter yourselves with these apparent fine words, you leave all mankind to their own wicke and erring judgments, and by it only they judg and determine with themselves which is Scripture which not, which is the true sense of the Scripture.



which not, and so forth, which is the grounds of all your divisions and errors by usurping that power which belongs only to the church. I fear I may have wearied your patience with so long a letter, so I will add no more, but that I am, and ever shall be, my dear Cousin,

Your most affectionate Cousin, and ever obliged Servant.

C. STERLING.

I offer my service, dear cousin, to your Lady, and children, and all my other good friends with you. My sister Anne is here, and offers her service to you, as does likewise my son and daughter. The rest of my children are all well, from whom I heard lately, except Samy, god knows what is come of him. I shall be glad to know when you heard from your eldest son, and how he is. Adieu dear cousin.

To the Laird of Garden at Pollnesh, Sterling.

Letter unsigned to James Stirling of Keir.

Gla-[gow] 13 June 1702.

305. Sir— . . . . . As for news, when the Parliament sat down Duke Hamilton, as he was persuaded by Whitlaw and some other of his friends, did not protest, but give in a declaration, and took instruments: after which he, with about eighty, left the house: Kilbarnie, Pollock and Dorchall sate still; the remaining part now sitting consist of 35 peers, 36 barons, 43 boroughs: It's thought this parliament will run high, being almost all of one party, and not one stickler in the whole house, Tarkenton excepted. They talk that they propose to make an act declaring it treason to quarrel any thing they did, and passing an act to adjure the P. of W. and to exclude all from electing members of parliament that will not take the adjuration. As for the foreign news, the K. of Sweden is still at Warsaw, and the K. of Poland at Cracow with the army of the Crown, expecting his Saxon forces to make head against the Swedes. The K. of Denmark has entered Germany with 17,000 men, upon what design not as yet known. The Duke of Wundano is at Götta, and intends to march against P. Eugene: who is strongly entrenched at Borgo forte, and has a bridge over the Po to keep communications with Modena, from whence he has his provisions. The allies made a vigorous attack on the counterescarp of Kaiserwart, and altho' it was defended, seven French battalions in two hours time, with a great loss, made themselves masters of it. It's said they lost two Brigadiers Generals, 2 Major Generals, six colonels, the two Scots Lieutenant Colonels, and Major Hopburn with the entire loss of those two Regiments. It's thought that the town has surrendered or taken by storm by this time. M





Bouslers with 50,000 men had almost surprised Athlone with 25,000 men, but by good luck, and Wirtenberg's advice, he got under the cannon of Ninagen wher he posted his foot on the Conterserpe. The French got most of the baggage and some cannon, and did them a great deal of damage in their rear. The French have blocked them up with 44,000 men, and are hurrying the contrie round with 6000 horse, and all the Dutch hooses in Brabant and about Utrecht are running before them. We have the Queen's letter to the parliament and the Commissioners and Chancellors speeches. She has assured them she will maintain the Protestant government, and desires them to lay on a found for maintaining the forces, and to suffer her to lay more as she thinks fit. The two speeches run out in commendation of K. W. and the Queen. For any thing that I see the Kirk will be higher than ever, nor shall we be able to bear their pride. Adieu.

To the Laird of Keir at Calder—Thos.

Walter Stirling, Writer in Edinburgh, to Archibald Stirling of Garden.

Edinburgh, October 24, 1706.

306. Sir—The Parliament have read only eighteen of the articles of the union. The rabble are like to be unassie to them: they never miss to convey Duke Hamilton with huzzas, and yee might they become very formidable. They assaulted Sir Patrick Johnston's house, and forced him to take shelter in the Castle: then they went to the Earl of London's, where Argyle, Marr, and the Register were supping: they thought fit to go to the Abbey on foot with what traine they could make—the rabble cursing them all the way. The Council met and gave orders to the Earl of Leven to quell the rabble, so three or four companies of the foot guards were sent up to the town.

I am, Sir, your most humble servant,

The Laird of Garden.

WAL. STIRLING.

Walter Stirling, Edinburgh, to James Stirling of Keir.

Edinburgh, 5 December 1708.

307. Sir— . . . . .

This night we had ringing of bells for the surrender of the Citadel of Lille on the 8th. We have not yet got the terms or conditions. The letters add, that Marlborough was to invest Ghent next day after the date, which was the 10th. Yesterday the Archbishop of Glasgow died. God have you and your family.

I am, Sir, your most faithful humble servant.

To the much honoured the Laird of Keir—Thos.

WAL. STIRLING.





James Stirling of Keir, to Marion Stuart his Wife.<sup>1</sup>

308. My dearest life—We were received yesternight by a party of the Duke of Northumberland's horse: they treat us civilly enough, and are to goe with us the greatest part of our journey, which will be very tedious: their horses are so colded that they will not be able to march above a stage in the day. I am affrayed I shall not have much occasion of writing to you in road, for we are not to goe the peast way. We are all very hearty and merry. I have nothing that troubles me but oulde my absence from my dear, without whom it is impossible I can long live, so if I be obliged to stay att London, you most certainlie come up to me. We are to goe from this to-morrow. I offer my humble service to my Lady Blountre, and give her my most hearty thanks for the indefatigable pains she took about me while with you: so I rest,

*my dearest life*  
*while I live onlie yours*  
*Ja. Stirling*

Berwick, May 2, 1708.

To the Lady Keir, to the care of Mr. Walter Stirling, Writer in Edinburgh,  
 att his lodging over against the foot of Marline's Wind, Edinburgh.

309. My dearest life—Tho' I have no new thing to write, I thought it my duty to lett you hear from me. As I wrote to you befor, our journey will be very tedious, for it will be near a month before wee reach London. Wee are not to goe above a stage a day, and are to rest two dayes in the week, which will be very expensive. My Lord will tell you we are all very weell: he was so kind as to come back ten miles to stay a night with us. I'll long extreamlie to hear from you, which I can not expect until I write to you from London. In the mean time I rest,

My dearest, allwayes yours,

Anyek, May 4, 1708.

J<sup>A</sup>. STIRLING.

To the Lady Keir.

<sup>1</sup> The eight Letters, Nos. 298 to 315, are from James Stirling of Keir, to Marion Stuart his wife. They were written while he was travelling in London, and after his arrival there, where he was carried, in the year 1708, for being implicated in the threatened invasion of Scotland by the King of France on behalf of the Stuart family.



310. My dearest life—To-morrow wee goe off from the post roole, I shall not have occasion to write you befor we reach London. Wee are not as yet half way, so it will be fully a fortnight befor wee come to London. Wee are very happy in a discreet officer who treats us very civille. Their is one other party to receive us on Monday, whom I wish to be as discreet. I am hopefull wee shall be civille used att London. Give my humble service to all that asks for me: so I rest.

My dearest Life, onlie yours.

Borrowbridge, May 13, 1708.

JA. STIRLING.

I desire you may write to my mother that I am weel.

To the Lady Keir.

311. My dearest life—Wee are att lenth come to this place within ten short miles of London, where we wait for further orders. John Doubigny came out here yesternight, who gives us some hopes that we will be putt in the messenger's hands. We have all kept our healths, onlie our journey has been very tedious. My dear, I desire you may gett that money from John Miller, and write to Walter McTagert to sell the meal, for you most serape what money you can together. I have sent to London to see if their be a letter from you to me. I intreat you write often. How soon I come to London, I'll be sure to lett you know what becomes of us: in the mean time I rest.

My dearest, onlie yours.

Barnett, June 1, 1708

JA. STIRLING.

To the Lady Keir, to the care of Mr. Walter Stirling writter att Edinburgh, Scotland.

312. My dearest life—Their came a messenger for every one of us yesterday to Barnett, who received us from the party and brought us to town. We had the choice of our own lodgings. Garden and I stay att my Lord Blantyre's house with our two messengers, who are very civil to us. We are in the expectation of gettingt out very soon on bail, so I will not desire you to come up untill I see what becomes of us, which will be very soon, being to be examined in a few dayes. If you have a mind to see this place, I desire you may come up as soon as possible. My dear, I intreat for what money you want, you call for it from George Robisonne with all freedom, as also from John Miller what money he still rests. See that the park dick be built this summer. Sir James Grey has been just now with me, who offers me his service. I expected a letter from you to me here. I have not heard from you since I came away, which makes me very



anxious about you and the children, so I pray you write to me often. You must direct your letters for me, to be found at My Lord Blantyre's Lodgings in Great Mallborough Street. Garden and Doubligney gives you their humble service; and I rest, my dearest life,

tinele yours while I am

London, June 3, 1708.

JA. STIRLING.

To the Lady Keir, at Keir, near Stirling.

313. My dearest life—Things has quite changed since I wrote to you last, for yesternight their came an order for sending Garden and me to Newgate, where we are just now. My Lord Drumond, Sir George Maxwell, and Robert Murrey, are in the Tower; the rest are still with the Messengers, and expect to gett out very soon on bail. God knows what this means, but we are still in hopes of getting soon out, so I intreat you be not alarmed at it: if I find I can not gett soon out, you must certtainly come up. I am advised not to positon for eight dayes, then I will have a guess of our fate. The second square came to town this day, and are under messengers. My dearest, I have not as yet heard from you, whiche makes me very uneasy: I intreat you to write often. So the blessing of God be with you and the children. I rest,

My dearest life, enelle yours.

JA. STIRLING.

Direct your letters as I wrote to you forwaidlie.

Newgate, June 8, 1708.

To the Lady Keir, at Keir, near Stirling, to the care of the postmaster of Stirling.

314. My dearest life—There was never anything so agreeable to me in my life-time as yours of the 14, which I gott yesterday, by which I gott the most comfortable news of your being much better. I was extremelie uneasie, but now, God be thanked, I am very weel. My dear, I expect to be bailed on Tuesday, so I hope to see you in a short time. Anything you want here lett me know it by your first, that I may buy it. We are all very weel and hearty, and I assure you this is a palace in comparison of the Tollbooth of Edinburgh. Against next post I shall be more certain against what time I will be bailed, which you shall be sure to know. My dearest, I entreat you write often to me. So praying the blissing of God to be with you and the children, I rest,

My dearest life, allwayes yours,

Newgate, June 24, 1708.

JA. STIRLING.



315. My dearest life — I hope now to see you in a litle time. We are to be sent down this week with Messengers, so in three weeks I expect to be att Edinburgh, and I have assurance from the people here that in a litle time afterwards, we shall be bailed. It is not fit to write to you the reasons why we cant here. I have write to Mr. Walter Stirling to send a coach for you a fortnight hence. I intreat you'll be att Edinburgh befor I come down: if I don't meet you their I'll be out of all patience. My dear, I have not heard from you these three posts. I pray God you be not worse then people writes to me. If it be possible for you to travell, for God's sake be att Edinburgh befor me. In the mean time I rest,

My dearest life, onelie yours,

Newgate, July 6, 1708.

JA. STIRLING.

To the Lady Keir, att Keir near Stirling, to the care of the postmaster of Stirling.

From Alexander Rose, Bishop of Edinburgh.

316. Sir — After conference with Mr. Nisbett, (having found my self at som freedom,) I have complied with your desire ament him, and this day have ordain'd him a presbiter. I wish that he may be usfull in the Ministrie, and servisable to good purposes to you and your lallie and familie, all whom I heartily pray God to preserve, prosper and bless. I am with great respect, Sir, your most duetifall and most laubd servant,

*Alex<sup>r</sup> Edinburgen*

Edinburgh, March 17, 1714.

Patrick Edmounstoun to Marion Stuart, 'Lady Keir.'

317. Madam—I had yesterday the honour of your Ladyship's of the 17th: under whose cover it came I cannot tell. However I'm heartily glad to hear of your La. and family's welfare. There is very little news going, especially since I wrote last to Mainer: but as commonly people take the first alarm hottest, so we are not a litle startled at the news of the Turks declaring war against the Emperour, tho it seems to want confirmation, but the consequences they draw from it, the Spaniards will demand better terms than before. The Harlem Courant gives an account of a memoriall published by the Czar complaining of his minister's treatment at this court as a thing unprecedented: but it's not surprising, he says, when the ministry here act for the interest of Hannover, without regard to Great Britain, and he does not wonder at it.





They are unjust to foreign princes, since they betray their own country. How far the Congress at Brunswick may prevent the Duke of Holsteins asserting his pretensions to the succession of the crown of Sweden, in terms not pacifick, is what still remains mysterious. Our stock jobbing, as it made a great many live in splendour and luxury last year, and as their circumstances were flourishing, so their fall is as great. That trade began in France, wee followed pretty closs their methods, and as that country is in a sad condition, and many of our honest countrymen brought to very great straits, it's to be feared that calamity may reach this place by following their footsteps, tho the parliament gives the greatest application to search out the causes of the disease, and to find a remedy. Mr. Stanhope is before them to-day, and a short time will acquit or expell him, and the rest of the members suspected of bribery. I'm extream anxious to be at home, and much the more if my being in Scotland could be any ways serviceable to your La. affairs. But since I have come up, and stay'd so long here, I ly under a sort of necessity to wait till the opening of the Book to see what I may recover of the monney I left here. Tho' I have met with ane disappointment, yet I may be pretty easie, since I don't stand amongst the worst of my countrymen, but rather almost singular on the other side, for being safe from loosing. I shall mind your La. commission about the Razours. Baldie Stirling has been several times at Andrew Cockburn's, though I have not seen him. I fancie his curiosity is not great that way. But I understand his business is to raffle a box as a fund to make seats for the school he is to set up. I offer my most kind and humble service to all with you, and I am with the greatest respect, D. Madam,

Your La<sup>y</sup> most obliged humble servant,

London, 28th Febr. 1721.

PA. EDMONSTOUNE.

To the Lady Keir. att Keir.

Sir Robert Montgomery of Skelmorlie, Baronet, to his Uncle James Montgomery.

Bruntisland Castle, 30 Decr. 1715.

318. Dear Uncle—I must own that I have sufficient assurance if I did not entirely rely upon your goodness to me, as well as your generosity and your character of a good Christian, and forgiving being one of the best marks, I hope you'll make use of it att this time to me in pardoning the crime I have committed against you in marrying without your knowledge. When you use to press me to marrie you always told me that you did not value monney, providing the woman I took was of a good and vertuous character and of a good familie. The first is what no bodie that ever knew her doubts of, and for the



last when you knowe that she is immediately come off Keir's and Blackbarronies families, you'll be convinced. I must confess I wish to God I had sooner follow'd your advise, for now I find their can be noe true happiness but in a virtuous love, and since I entered into it, I must own all my inclinations I had formerly to roving and extravagancies in my living, is now turn'd to the contrarie: for I think a man of honour is to look to the interest and easines of his wife and familie. Tho' she has not money, yet I doe assure you, were she acquainted with you, which I hope in God shall be soon, you'll be of my opinion, that she is of more value considering her inward qualities. If you'll but frankly pardon the only crime of consequence I'm perswaded her uncle will doe for her handsomely see that our futher hapines depends upon your and Mr. Robert Murays meeting, which hope you'll order soon. I believe my Lord Arundale will writ to you about this affair also, and he'll convince you that the Government is intirly pleas'd with the service I have done, and zeal I have shown for it, since I came here, and if you'll should punish me as I deserve, it may be of ill consequence, for my enemies may lay hold of it to disapoint me in my just reward I expect from the Gouvernment. I pray to Almighty God he'll incline you to forgiveness, for the future hapiness of two who loves to excess, and who ever will have a true duty to you, depends upon it, especially since my wife is gone six ore seven weeks with child, see that your just resentment may disapoint me of what a value next to your forgiveness, a child. I need not, I hope, instance that all people of former ages, as well as the present, of religious and good characters, has placed their priod most in the act of pardoning. Nay our notion of the greatest consequence which our Saviour has taught us is pardon us O Lord, as we pardon those that have offend'd us. See I doe not in the least doubt of your application of it att this time. Im,

Dear Uncle,

Your ever humble and obedient servant and dutifull Nephew,

ROBT MONTGOMERY.

Frances Stirling, Dowager Lady Montgomerie of Skelmorlie, to Hugh Montgomerie of Skelmorlie.

319. Dear Sir—I receiv'd last night the malencoly account of my dear Sir Robert's death. God only knows my condition att this time, and what a surprise it was to me. The last letter I had from him dated the twenty-seventh of April last, he gives me an account of his being ill, but that he was recovering, and was to be att the recovery, and after that to go to London—his friends giving him hopes to be provided for: so that for a long



time I believ'd him ther, for since that time I never heard more from him. Week before last I heard he was dead by a letter wait me, dated the ninth of this month. Upon the receipt of it, I went to Edinburgh, caus'd aske the Secretary of War, who said ther was no such thing, caus'd aske my deare Collonel, he said ther was no such thing, upon which I return'd home, satisfy'd that it was so. God only knos my miserable and deplorable condition, that is far beyond expression, for I believe I shall sink under my load. My letter is from one Jones: I s'pose an Officer in the Regiment was acquainted me of it by orders given by him before his death. I am, Dear Sir,

Your afflicted Nise and affect. humble Servant,

Agust 30th 1731.

FRAN. MONTGOMERIE.

The same to the same.

320. Dear Sir—I am now left a poor misarable widow, without the least comfort, or one single farthing upon earth, or credit so much as for murrings. My Brother has it as much in his inclinations to do for me as ever Brother had, but alas altogether unable to do it. So unless God dispose you to compietioner my miserable children and me, we must perish for want. I'm a poor sikly creature, unable to bear my havy havy load that is upon me. I can with safty say I have not wanted a Doekter from me thies two years by past, for a poorer distress'd creature was never then I. O! Dear Sir, for Jesuse sake pitie my deplorable condition, for you are all, under God, that I have to depend upon for relife. In doing of it, you will ever have the prayers of the Fatherless and a Widow, who is with the greatest affection and regard, Dear Sir,

Your ever affect. Nise and dutifull humble Servant,

Sept 10, 1731.

FRAN. MONTGOMERIE

James Stirling of Keir, to John Stirling, younger of Keir.

321. John — I was last week with Douglstown, who told me Gerthie had a letter lately from the Duke of Montrose wherein he was very desirous you would stand for Parliament man for the shire of Stirling. Tho it is what I have not freedom to do, if it were my own case, yett I now think it is hard to lay a restraint on others that may have that freedom, and considering that I am to breed some of my younger children in a way which may probably oblige them to take the oaths, I will not be dissoliged at your taking them, if you have no scruple at them yourself. I think this a very good opportunity for you. You'll have all the Duke's interest, and I doubt not a good deal



more. If you incline to stand, there must be no time lost. You must speak immediately to Gorbie and Mr. Grainger of Airth, and concert your measures, for the gentlemen of the shire must be immediately applyed to. I think it proper you write to the Duke about it. . . . I am,

Your humble Servant,

Cadder, July 24, 1733.

JA. STIRLING.

To John Stirling, younger of Keir, Esq.

James Stirling the Venetian, to John Stirling of Keir, 12th December 1735.

322. Dear Sir—I am very glad of this opportunity of paying you my compliments, as I dare say you will be of an opportunity of serving one who well deserves it—I mean your brother Baily. As I did not know whether you was in town or country, I wrote to Lill to acquaint you that he, in pursuance of the scheme lately communicated to you, goes out purser of a ship to Bengal. He got this post just as I arrived here, and it affords him opportunities of getting a considerable quantity of goods on board. As he sails to-morrow or next day, he had not time to trouble you for the credit you was so kind to offer him, and if he had gone a midshipman as he at first proposed, he did not intend to have troubled you, because in that station he would have run a great risque in getting any considerable effects on board. But since he got the purser's place, and could not wait for an answer from you, I have joined with him in a bond of 350*£*, which he receives here of Mr. John Fullarton, and is to pay the same to his correspondent at Bengal 30 days after the arrival of the ship: by which you may observe, that Fullarton insures the money, because it is not to be paid unless the ship arrive. In the next place, you see that Baily does not properly borrow the money, but only is intrusted to carry it out, to deliver it at Bengal, and has the advantage of taking it in goods, and making the most of them there.

Another thing I must acquaint you with is, that your brother Roby has above 100*£* of Baily's still in his hands, and it would be very hard for Baily, who has so little to begin the world with, to leave that sum behind him. So I have ventured to get him 60*£* of that money in the easiest manner could be contrived: which is, that he draws a bill on Mr. Ouchterlony for the 60*£* payable in 4 months, which Mr. Ouchterlony accepts on my endorsing it, and to free me, your brother draws a bill on you for the sum payable to me in 6 months, which is a long time, and as I am informed, you have above that sum of Roby's money in your hands. But there's no probability that ever a farthing of it will be demanded, for it is near four months since Roby made the





last remittance to Bally, and he wrote then that he would continue remitting daily till the whole should come: but the weather has been so bad that few ships have lately come from Jamaica, it would be nothing to us if the goods should be cast away because they are always insured, and when they arrive they are to come to Mr. Ouchterlony, who is to dispose of them by my consent to the best advantage.

I hope you will accept the bill, and at the same time give me a bond of relief for the 350£. I would not have been so ready to trouble you, but I assure you I stand engaged at present for no less than 840£ on the account of Bally, the parson, the Laird and Gregory. Keir and my lady think me very unkind to the Laird, altho' I have given him credit for 210£, and if you deny this favour to a brother so much more deserving, what will the world say of you, who are so much more able, and more and more may you be so every day. I shall now give you a piece of news and business mixt together.

Dr. Fullerton no sooner got a sight of this new wife but he was pierced to the heart, and if any thing seemed to go cross, altho' but a trifle, he was as much sunk as for the death of the former. In such a condition he could not be without a confidant, and whom does he light on but our Laird, a proper person to hear all the wise discourse that would be on that occasion. The Laird went every morning and dressed him before he went to visit his mistress, and met him duly to hear his success: and whereas all the ladies, especially the acquaintance of the former wife, railed freely at the Doctor for being in such a haste, the Laird went through scolding them all like a Billingsgate wife in favour of the Doctor, who in reward of these faithful services at last offered to get him a Company of Foot in the India Company's service by the assistance of his new allies; but the Laird not liking to fight with black men on his own account, as well as flying with white women on his friend's account, modestly declined accepting the offer, as being engaged to go to Jamaica in a sure way to make a fortune. So our interest offered to Charles is secured for your brother Harry, and what other we can join to it. Nobody can tell what may come of the affair, but I think Harry should not be disposed of till you hear further; if it does succeed, he will be in a fair way of making a fortune soon: and two brothers in the same place would be a mutual advantage to one another, because in case of an accident, the one would be on the spot to take care that the officers of the other were not embezzled, as it commonly happens in those distant countries: this would be an infallible way to raise both their credits. I always am, with great sincerity and respect, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

*James Stirling*

London, 12 December 1755.

To John Stirling of Keir, Esq. at Keir, to the care of the Postmaster of Stirling



Archibald Stirling to his brother John Stirling of Keir, October 25th 1742.

323. Dear Sir — Your agreeable favour of December the 31st. 1741. is now before me, which I do assure you was very welcome: as it's the only one I have received from you these two years. I'm much obliged to you for the kind concern you express after my health, which I thank God is now pretty well restored, tho' I can't say quite so well as I could wish, nor indeed do I ever expect it will, however temperance and spirits of which last I have tolerable share, will I hope keep me alive, at least till such time as I have the pleasure of seeing my friends in Europe. I am heartily sorry for the deaths of uncle John and poor Charly. I believe the latter would have proved a very judicious man and extremely proper for the business he was in. I dare say it will be a great loss to Hugh, as I suppose they were designed to carry on a joint trade, but I hope that loss will in some measure be made up by Lewis, who, if I remember right, promised to be much such another. I have not had a letter from Roby for some time. I'm glad to hear he and Jamy are doing well. This war must be a fine harvest for Rob, and I dare say he will make hay while the sun shines. I had a letter last year from Harry, who seems to be very well pleased with the situation he is in. I suppose before this comes to hand you'll have heard of his being admitted with the title of Resident at Sillibar, a place which I believe you'll not find out in the most modern map, for I dare say never Christian was there before. I have not had a letter from him since his advancement, but I'm told he can pick up a good deal of money. As I'm upon money matters, I shall beg leave to trouble you with a small sketch of my own present situation and future views. I still continue in the Surat trade, and shall sail in a few days for that port. I have hitherto met with good success, both for myself and owners, which is the reason the employ has been so constant, and I hope will continue so till I have done my business. At present I reckon myself worth £4500. sterling, and the voyage I am now going upon will, I expect, improve my fortune a thousand or twelve hundred pounds. As soon as I have mustered up eight thousand, I propose coming home, but as I'm afraid I shall never be able to reconcile myself quite to a country life, and the income of that sum too small to live in London, I shall be obliged to look out for some employment, and what that may be I have not as yet fixed on, unless an agency to a regiment, which if it doth not yield a great profit, requires no very close attendance, a thing which I should very much choose. However, it is possible when I have arrived at the above sum, if I have any tolerable prospect, I may be induced to stay till I make it the even ten: this is all I can say of myself at present. I should, in



my turn, be very solicitous of being particularly informed of your affairs, was I not well assured, that from your good management and economy, they are in as good a posture as your best friends could wish: and I dare say you have been before now so easy in your circumstances as to have with safety ventured on a wife with a Scots fortune only; but I doubt you want something extraordinary, which is the reason you still continue a bachelor. Consider you are pretty near the meridian of life.

I'm much obliged to my friends for the trouble they have been at about the Maule affair. I was all along doubtful of the event, had the peace continued, but knew it to be impracticable in our present situation. I hope the trade I am now in will do my business sooner or later.

I should have been glad to have seen my two young cousins. I think their father have sent them abroad full soon, for boys of their age seldom learn any thing that is good, unless they fall into the hands of some discreet person, whom it's pretty difficult to find in a sea life. I observe by the Gazettes, as well as your letter, that Sir James and Craighend are returned to Parliament for their old shires, and that the latter had the general thanks of his constituents for his behaviour in the last. Since the Autocouriers have at last prevailed, I doubt not but they will remember him for his firm adherence to the cause of liberty, for I believe he both wants and deserves it. I am heartily sorry for the death of poor Tom Watts: it must be a great misfortune to his family, especially at the juncture it happened, since they probably would have reaped advantages from the friendship he had cultivated with the people now in power.

I would [have] thankfully accepted your offer in relation to that small sum in Mr. Ouchterlony's hands, but have appropriated it to another use. Pray give my kind service to all friends and acquaintances, which concludes me with assuring you, I most sincerely am, Dear Sir, your most affectionate and obedient humble Servant.

Calcutta, Oct. 25, 1742.

ARCHD. STIRLING.

To Jn<sup>o</sup> Stirling of Keir, Esq.

James Stirling of Keir, to his son Robert Stirling.

324. Dear Roby — Captain Smith is just now with me. You'll be desirous upon this extraordinary event to know what is become of us. Indeed from the beginning I was certain it would end as it has done. I dissuaded your two brothers from being concerned in it, but to no purpose: they are now in a place of safety. As for myself, I did not meddle in it. I was put up here as a disaffected person, but not by an order from any in





the government. I expect very soon to be liberate. I have not time to write any more particulars. I fancy your brother has done it. So, my dear child, adieu.

Dumbarton Castle, 7 Sept. 1746.

J<sup>A</sup>. STIRLING.

To Mr. Robert Stirling, merchant in Kingstown, Jamaica.

John Stirling of Keir, to his brother Archibald Stirling.

Cadder, Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1748.

325. Dear Brother—Nothing in this world could give me more satisfaction than yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> of February last from Calcutta, which I receiv'd five weeks ago, and of the 1<sup>st</sup> of last month from Lisbon, which I received yesternight, and I hope in God against this reaches London, you shall have safely arrived there, where I had a great desire to have met you and returned to this country with you, but our Father's state of health is so very uncertain, that it makes it impossible for me to leave the place. In the month of January 1747, when prisoner in the Castle of Dumbarton he was taken ill of a Hydropsy, on account of which he was on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of that month liberate, and came home, when he underwent a course of medicine, and got pretty well again, in which state he has continued till the beginning of last month, when he was taken ill again, and is at present under the same course of medicine as formerly; but considering his age, which is this very day 69 out, being born on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 1679, and the approaching winter, the Physicians dread the consequences much. However tho' he is very weak, he has as yet, which is a great mercy, no pain. My mother, I thank God, and all other friends are well. I had the misfortune May last, by my horses falling with me, to dislocate my shoulder, but was soon perfectly recover'd. Your old acquaintance, John Bell of Anternony, now lives with his wife in or near London. When I write him he desires me to direct for him at the Pennsylvania Coffeehouse, so there, to be sure, notice may be had of the place of his abode. As he was with us last summer, he can give you a particular account of us all: tho' no great variation has happen'd in any thing since the last letters you receiv'd of mine. I wrote you on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1747, in answer to one of the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 1746, I received from you by the Advice Boat sent from Bengal with the accounts of the French taking Madrass . . . I shall at present trouble you no further, but hoping to hear quickly of your safe arrival at London, subscribe myself with the utmost sincerity and regard, Dear Brother,

Your most affectionate and obedient humble Servant,

To Mr. Archibald Stirling.

JOHN STIRLING.





The same to the same.

Cadder, Friday, February 10, 1741.

326. Dear Brother—I this moment received the favour of yours of the 2nd instant at this place, where I have been for some days past waiting on my father, who I think you cannot hold out long. He has ordered his interment to be at Dunblane. So I design to transport the corpse from this place to the Keir, and have the interment just as if he had died there. I return you many thanks for the kindness you have shewn, and the care you have taken of poor Maggie. I hope he shall do very well. . . . Do not, I entreat you, make yourself in the least uneasy about your not coming down at this time. Every body knows your reasons were sufficient, and I think you have given substantiall proofs of your being neither negligent or indifferent about your friends. I shall trouble you no further at present, but subscribe myself,

Dear Brother, yours, &c.

JOHN STIRLING.

To Mr. Archbald Stirling, at the Jerusalem Coffeehouse in Exchange Alley, London.

The same to the same.

Cadder, Monday, February 27th, 1743.

327. Dear Brother—I am heartily sorry to acquaint you, that on Saturday last, at ten o'clock at night, our father almost without any struggle, departed this life in his chair, in my mother's and his own room, being the same that was my grandmother's when we came to Cadder. The first time we apprehended him to be so near his end was Thursday last in the afternoon, when he was taken ill with a shortness of breath, which continued for two hours or so; however he got the better of that fit, and continued so easy in his breathing, that we believed he might live several days, till he was seized again with it about half an hour before his death. He kept his senses and spoke to the last moment. He stood on his feet when he found himself taken ill, and continued so till the last, when he said, all was over, and sat down in his chair and expired. As I wrote you formerly, he had ordered his corpse to be interred in the Church of Dunblane, the burial place of his family, so I design to perform that duty Saturday next, by transporting the corpse in a barse, attended by two mourning coaches with eight gentlemen, on Friday first to the Keir, and next day have then a decent dinner for twenty gentlemen more at noon, and at four o'clock afternoon, being Saturday the fourth of March next.



carry the corpse in the hearse, the coaches and company attending, to the Church, which is a mile from Keir, and lay them in the grave, when the company will immediately separate. You shall hear from me again on the Monday after the interment, that is, this day se'night. My mother, who has had a good deal of fatigue this while past, is, poor woman, as well as can be expected. I must beg the favour of you to apprize Hugh, Robbie, and Janey of their father's death as soon as possible. All the ships for Jamaica from this are gone, nor are there any to sail for a great while, and please tell them it is by my particular desire you write them. I ever am, Dear Brother,

Your most affectionate and obedient humble Servant,

*John Stirling*

George Goring, Calcutta, to Archibald Stirling, Esq.

328. Dear Sir — . . . . .

I now come to the melancholly part. Your poor brother Hugh departed this life the 7th of April, to my great grief, for I do assure he would have turned out an able man, and entered into the trade of India with a judgement greater than could have been imagined. In him I lost a faithful assistant, and I do assure you nothing should have been wanting on my part to have advanced his interests. I performed the last office of a friend, and attended him to his last abode, with a decency suitable to the occasion. The little fortune he had, he, by will, left under the direction of Mr. Orme, to whom I gave his books, with all he had on board the Danbury, of which I suppose he will send you the account. I am the more concerned at this misfortune, as it has quite taken out of my power all means of shewing you the sense I have of your past favours, by the endeavours I should have made use of to promote his interest and welfare.

Your most obliged humble Servant,

Calcutta, Dec. 13, 1749.

Geo. GORING.

To Archibald Stirling, Esq.

William Watts, Calcutta, to Archibald Stirling, Esq.

329. Sir — . . . . . I am extremely sorry I have it not in my power to return the obligations I lie under to you, your poor brother Hugh dying at



Fort St. Davids. What makes his loss the greater, is, he was deserving of every friendly office, for his understanding was good, his temper sweet and amiable, had a very good notion of business, and would certainly have succeeded well in life. However, as dwelling on this subject must be very disagreeable, I shall conclude with my best wishes for your happiness, and with my sincere assurance, that I shall gladly embrace every opportunity to return your favours, and in commanding me you will give me pleasure. I am, dear Sir,

Your most obed. humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

Calcutta, Feby. the 10th 1751.

WM WATTS.

To Mr. Archibald Stirling.

Colonel William Erskine of Torrie, to Archibald Stirling, Esq.

330. Sir—I was favoured with yours of the 7th yesterday. I must freely own to you that I received your proposals with pleasure. Your fortune is unexceptionable, but I assure you, Sir, what weighs more with me is your character, and the family you are come off; and had you a much less fortune than you have, you should have my consent. I had a letter from my daughter, wherein she tells me the proposal is agreeable to her, so I see no reason why you may not go together when you please. But glad you propose it to be private, for that is what I should have insisted on. I have written my opinion fully both to Mr. Erskine and Mr. Dundas. I have left every thing to their management, so whatever you and they agree to, I shall be satisfied. I wrote last post to Mr. Erskine. He will acquaint you with my sentiments, and I hope they will be agreeable to you. I must say something of my poor child. I assure you, Sir, her temper is agreeable, and as she is very young, you will have her of your own breeding. She has been an agreeable comfort to me, and I hope she will prove so to you. I pray God you may both live to be a blessing and comfort to one another, and I don't care how soon you make me a grandfather. I really think you will both prosper luckily if you don't soon. May all happiness attend you, and believe me always, with great sincerity, my dear Sir,

Your most faithful humble Servant.

London, Feb. 14th 1751.

WILL. ERSKINE.

Walter, eighth Lord Blantyre, to Archibald Stirling, Esq.

Paris, the 20th April [1751]

331. My Dear Sir—I received very lately the agreeable news of your marriage with Miss Erskine. I felicitate you most sincerely on the happy occasion, and on the choice you have made. I had the pleasure to see the young lady at Duns Waters just before I



came abroad. She seemed very pretty and quite amiable. I am persuaded you cannot fail being happy with so fair and so gentle a partner: and I flatter myself that you will add one to the number of those fortunate husbands who gather the roses of matrimony without their prickles. There is one thing I am sure of, if my wishes can add any thing to your happiness, they are all yours. I received some time ago your kind letter in relation to my brother's going out with Mr. Lyon, and am much obliged to you for interesting yourself so kindly in my affairs and those of my family. The letters you were so good as to send to John Stuart, I am afraid, are thrown away upon him. He has, I am told, altered his scheme. The only thing I regret, is, the trouble I have given you. Adieu my dear Sir. If I can be of any use to you here, pray employ me. I beg leave to offer my compliments to Mrs. Stirling, to Lady Keir, and to all the family. I am, dear Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

P.S.—I shall write to my friend Mrs. Lilies very soon.

BLANTYRE.<sup>1</sup>

John, twelfth Lord Gray, to Archibald Stirling of Keir.

Gray, July 9, 1757.

432. Dear Sir—I never was so much struck in my life as at the receiving the letter you wrote me acquainting me of my good friend your brother's misfortune. Both relation and regard for his many good qualifications renders it the heaviest stroke that I could have met with, even had it not been so sudden. I am as sorry (this cannot be surprised) at the melancholy accounts of Lady Stuart's health, as I had heard of the danger she was in from Keir when he was here. I must beg of you to take the trouble to let me know from time to time how they both do. God Almighty comfort my Aunt, who, without these last strokes, had before met with many causes of grief in the loss of her children. I have often designed to have done myself the pleasure of seeing you at Cadder. Many things have come in the way to prevent it hitherto, but I shall certainly make it out soon, being, I do assure you, with very great regard,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

GRAY.

Be so good as make my compliments to Miss Lilies, your sister, and all others of your friends.

To Archibald Stirling of Cadder, Esq., at Cadder, by Edinburgh.

<sup>1</sup> The next letter in the series in the Keir Collection is one from Mr. John Fergus to Archibald Stirling, dated Edinburgh, 21st March 58, in which he says:—“that once I met Mr. Mackay with a letter to his Lord, informing him of Lord Blantyre's death at Paris the 10th instant of malignant fever. God pity my Lady Blantyre. It is a cruel and just reward his Lordship's!”





William, second Duke of Montrose, to Archibald Stirling of Keir.

Buchanan, 14th July 1757

333. Sir — This moment I have received yours with the melancholy account of Keir's death, and most sincerely sympathize with you and all the family, on this mournful occasion. My regard for your brother was sincere, and my concern is undiminished, who am, with truth,

Your sincere friend and faithful humble Servant.

[MONTROSE]

George, sixth Lord Elibank, to Archibald Stirling of Keir.

334. Sir — I have all the regret for the loss of your brother that's due to an acquaintance of above forty years, a relation that did me honour, and to a friend whose sincerity I have proved, and whose good sense has been of use to me on many difficult occasions. Losses of this kind are irreparable: at my time of life the age of acquiring friendships is past, and we can little spare the few we had, and yet the older we grow, we stand the more in need of them. You will not doubt of my sincere condolence: and on your brother's account, your family's and your own, I am, Sir, with truth and real esteem,

Your most obedient and most humble Servant.

Balencierf, July 15, 1757.

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Francis, fifth Lord Napier to the Same.

Edinbellie, July 19th, 1757

335. Dear Sir — Yesterday I had the favour of your letter from Falkirk. I cannot express to you the concern that your brother's death gives me. An acquaintance begun at school more than forty years ago, upon which was founded an intimacy and friendship never once interrupted, produced a love and esteem for him in my breast, that makes this melancholy stroke to his family and friends fall very heavy indeed. I know his merit, for I knew him well. I believe few people knew him better. My regard for him, not indeed equal to his merit, was as great as I was capable of. I flattered myself that he had a friendship for me: he gave me marks of it, and I believe it was so. I wish it was in my power to show you and his family the respect and love that I must ever have for his memory. If it could have testified my regard in the best, I would



have walked a-foot twenty times the way to have assisted this day at the last office, but I think you judged right in performing that duty in a private manner.

I beg you to make my compliments to your Lady and all the family on this melancholy occasion, and to believe, that tho' I have not the pleasure of being so well acquainted with you, as I was with your brother, your acquaintance and your friendship is what I wish and desire. I am, with real esteem and regard,

Dear Sir, your most obedient humble servant and cousin.

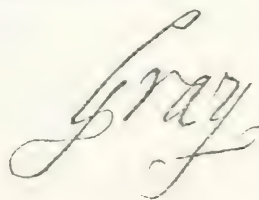


John, twelfth Lord Gray to the Same.

Kinfairn, July 26th. 1757.

336. Dear Sir—I most sincerely condole with you, and with all your family, on the death of your worthy Brother, and my inestimable Friend. Could merit, honesty, and virtue have prevented the fatal blow, he surely had been spared many years for a comfort to his friends, and a blessing to his neighbours. But since it hath pleased God to order that it should be otherwise, what have we to do but to acquiesce without repining, tho' it is impossible not to grieve at so severe and so sensible a stroke. I must beg the favour of you to let me know how your mother and sister Lady Stuart are. Your Aunt was vastly affected with the melancholy news, and the more so, as she had but so lately seen him so gay and so cheerful. She too, I am afraid, is in an indifferent state of health, but as yet no very dangerous symptoms appear, and you may be sure no care nor attention will be omitted that can contribute to her recovery. It is proposed she should stay with her daughter Lady Ballegarno. I offer my compliments to Mrs. Stirling, and all other friends in your neighbourhood, and I am with all truth and regard, Dear Sir,

Your affectionate humble Servant,





237. Lord Gray also commemorated his Friend's Death in the following Verses—

[Written at Gray, in July 1757, by John Lord Gray, on the Death of his Friend  
John Stirling of Keir, who Died of the Palsy at Edinburgh, 7th July 1757.]

Little, alas! I demand, when balmy May,  
Mother of flowers, and fragrant blossoms fair,  
Shower'd odours from each bush and bank, and brake,  
While tasting every gay variety  
Which roseate summer yields on every hill,  
On lawn and thicket intricate, and grove,  
Stirling and I full suddenly straggled:  
I little dream'd that e'er the budding rose  
Had shed its silken leaves, the weeping nurse  
Should strike the lyre to sooth his fleeting shade.

If e'er a mother mourn'd an only child,  
If e'er a lover mourn'd a mistress lost,  
If e'er compassion touch'd a tender breast,  
Bidding soft tears distil for others' woes;  
With sympathetic feeling I will mourn  
Stirling's lamented fate and timeless fall.  
Come weeping Queen of Elegiac Verse,  
If thought can comprehend, or words express:  
[Or tears declare our grief, then let thy tears!]  
In sign of sorrow flow, while we inscribe  
This artless mark of friendship on his tomb.

Stirling was gentle, boundless, and good,  
Grave without dullness, with composure gay,  
His thoughts still just, as justly he expressed,  
In native eloquence, as full as clear  
As flows the current from a copious spring.  
Age, clamour'd, attentive listened while he spoke  
On high, important subjects, or explained



Matters mountainous, with a judge's skill  
 Deep versant in the laws. The choir of youth  
 Enraptured crowded round him, when from those  
 He quick descending, with complacent mind,  
 Inspired each trolic, and improved each joy.

Yet all avail'd not, neither richest stores  
 On him show'd largely, by the liberal hand  
 Of our all-giving Dick'r, and which he  
 As liberally closed, when pining want,  
 Or fell necessity, show'd subjects fit  
 For his unceasing bounty. All those gifts  
 Of God and nature could not stay the doom  
 Of unremitting destiny, nor move  
 The grizzly king of terrors to be kind.  
 He fell lamented by the young and gay,  
 The old and sober, in each place where Fame,  
 With all her wings, and all her tongues, had spread  
 His praise, his merit, and his much lov'd name.

A copy of these verses was taken, on the 30th January 1848, from a collection of MS. letters and poems, chiefly written by John Dunlop, and addressed to George Chalmers, which was then for sale at the shop, in Gleadilly, of Mr. Thomas Thorne, the well known bookseller in London. John Dunlop, who dates from Port-Glasgow, early in the present century, appears to have been assisting George Chalmers in collecting materials for a collection of Scottish fugitive poetry. The above verses were obtained, as the letters indicate, by Lady Stuart of Castlemilk, from Charles Stirling, nephew of the subject of Lord Gray's Elegy. John Dunlop was a younger brother of Mr. Dunlop of Garthkirk, Lord Provost of Glasgow, and afterwards collector of customs at Port-Glasgow, where he died. He was a man of sound sense, considerable wit and humour, sang beautifully, and was the author of a privately printed volume of poems. [Glasgow and its Clubs, by John Strang, LL.D. 2nd Edition. Ito. Glasgow, 1857. P. 45, note.]





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## 339. CATALOGUE

OF THE

## PORTRAITS OF THE STIRLINGS OF KEIR

AND SOME OF THEIR CONNECTIONS, PRESERVED AT KEIR AND CAWDER.

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The Pictures, when not otherwise described, are on Canvass.

The following Abbreviations have been employed — F.L. Full Length. T.Q. Three Quarters. H.L. Half Length. B. Bust. Hd. Head. m. married. b. born. d. died. c. copied. p. painted. iv. ivory. pa. panel. pap. paper. cra. crayons. wa. co. water colours.

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## AT KEIR.

## ARTISTS.

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| 1. Elizabeth Stirling, daughter of Sir James Stirling of Keir;<br>m. 1572. John Napier of Merchiston; d. 1579. C. from<br>the original now lost or missing, formerly in the collec-<br>tion of Lord Napier, at Thirlestane, Selkirk. B.<br>2 feet 6 inches high, 2 feet 1 inch wide. | GREGOR URRHART. |
| 2. John Napier of Merchiston, inventor of logarithms; b. 1559;<br>d. 1617. C. from the original in the College of Edin-<br>burgh. B.<br>2 feet 6 inches high, 2 feet 1 inch wide.  | GREGOR URRHART. |
| 3. Sir George Stirling of Keir; b. 1615; d. 1667. B.<br>2 feet 3 inches high, 2 feet wide.   | GEORGE JAMESON. |
| 4. Honourable Margaret Napier, eldest daughter of Archibald<br>first Lord Napier, second wife of Sir George Stirling of<br>Keir; b. 1615; m. 1639; d. 1633. B.<br>2 feet 3 inches high, 2 feet wide.   | GEORGE JAMESON. |
| 5. Major John Stirling, eldest son of Sir John Stirling of Garden;<br>b. 1614; d. before 1639. B.<br>2 feet 3½ inches high, 2 feet wide.   | Unknown.        |
| 6. Sir John Stirling of Keir; b. 1648; d. 1684. B.<br>2 feet 4 inches high, 1 foot 11 inches wide.   | Unknown.        |



7. Lady Margaret Livingston, daughter of Alexander second Earl of Linlithgow: m. — 1st, Sir Thomas Nicholson of Carnock, 2nd (1654), Sir George Stirling of Keir, 3rd (1668), Sir John Stirling of Keir: d. 1669. B.  
2 feet 2½ inches high, 1 foot 11½ inches wide. Unknown.
8. Lillias Colquhoun, eldest daughter of Sir John Colquhoun of Luss, Bart.: m. 1675, Sir John Stirling of Keir: d. 1726. B.  
2 feet 2½ inches high, 2 feet wide. Unknown.
9. Lillias Colquhoun, with her grand-daughter Lillias Stirling (b. 1707), daughter of her eldest son James. T. Q.  
4 feet 2¼ inches high, 3 feet 5 inches wide. Unknown.
10. Elizabeth Stirling, fourth daughter of Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir: b. 1647: m. James Seton of Tonch. C. 1849 from the original at Garden, formerly at Keir. B.  
2 feet 2½ inches high, 1 foot 11½ inches wide. SAMUEL WEST.
11. Archibald Stirling of Garden, third son of Archibald Stirling of Keir: b. 1651: d. 1712. C. 1849 from the original at Garden, formerly at Keir. B.  
2 feet 2½ inches high, 1 foot 11½ inches wide. SAMUEL WEST.
12. James Stirling of Keir: b. 1679: d. 1749. T. Q.  
4 feet 2 inches high, 3 feet 5¾ inches wide. { Probably  
Sir JOHN MEDINA.
13. Honourable Marion Stuart, eldest daughter of Alexander fifth Lord Blantyre: m. 1704, James Stirling of Keir: d. 1770. T. Q.  
4 feet 2 inches high, 3 feet 4½ inches wide. { Probably  
Sir JOHN MEDINA.
14. Lillias Stirling, daughter of James Stirling of Keir: b. 1707: d. 1775. T. Q.  
4 feet 2 inches high, 3 feet 5 inches wide. { Probably  
Sir JOHN MEDINA  
or one of his sons.
15. John Stirling of Keir: b. 1704: d. 1757: ætat. 35. P. at Edinburgh, 21st Feb. 1839. T. Q.  
4 feet 1½ inches high, 3 feet 3 inches wide. BELLUCCH.
16. John Stirling of Keir: b. 1704: d. 1757: ætat. 47. P. in 1752. T. Q.  
4 feet 2 inches high, 3 feet 3½ inches wide. Unknown.
17. Archibald Stirling of Keir: b. 1710: d. 1783. P. 1749. T. Q.  
4 feet 2 inches high, 3 feet 3¾ inches wide. THOMAS HUDSON.



## ARTISTS.

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| 18. Margaret Erskine, daughter of Colonel William Erskine of Terrie; b. 1733; m. Archibald Stirling of Keir; 1750; d. 1761; aetat. 25. P. 1758. T. Q.<br>4 feet 2 inches high, 3 feet 4 inches wide.                       | THOMAS HUDSON.     |
| 19. Anne Hay, eldest daughter of Alexander Hay of Drumalzier, widow of Sir Patrick Hepburn Murray, Bart. of Dalrobin; m. 1792. Archibald Stirling of Keir; d. 1807. T. Q.<br>4 feet 1½ inches high, 3 feet 5½ inches wide. | Unknown.           |
| 20. Margaret Stirling, daughter of James Stirling of Keir; b. 1729; m. Sir Hugh Hamilton of Roschall; d. 1802. H. L.<br>2 feet 6 inches high, 2 feet 1 inch wide.  | SIR HENRY RAEBURN. |
| 21. James Stirling of Keir; b. 1766; d. 1831. P. 1826. F. L.<br>7 feet 1 inch high, 4 feet 8½ inches wide.   | WILLIAM ROSS.      |
| 22. Charles Stirling, fourth son of William Stirling of Keir; b. 1771; d. 1830. C. 1844, from the original (P. in 1827.) by William Ross or Cawder. B.<br>2 feet 6 inches high, 2 feet ½ inch wide.                        | GREGOR URSCHART.   |
| 23. Charles Stirling, fourth son of William Stirling of Keir. P. 1849, partly from the original by William Ross or Cawder, (P. 1828.) and partly from recollection. B.<br>2 feet 6 inches high, 2 feet ½ inch wide.        | JOHN PARTRIDGE.    |
| 24. Christian Erskine, widow of Charles Stirling, fourth son of William Stirling of Keir. P. 1849. B.<br>2 feet 6 inches high, 2 feet ½ inch wide.   | JOHN PARTRIDGE.    |
| 25. Robert Stirling, fifth son of William Stirling of Keir; b. 1772; d. 1808. B.<br>2 feet 6 inches high, 2 feet 1 inch wide.  | SIR HENRY RAEBURN. |
| 26. Marion Stirling, eldest daughter of William Stirling of Keir; b. 1774; d. 1842. P. 1848, from a miniature by R. Cosway. B.<br>2 feet 2 inches high, 1 foot 10 inches wide.   | SAMUEL WESS.       |
| 27. Jane Stirling, third daughter of William Stirling of Keir; b. 1775; d. 1835. P. 1848, from a miniature by R. Cosway. B.<br>2 feet 2 inches high, 1 foot 10 inches wide.  | SAMUEL WEST.       |
| 28. Elizabeth Maxwell, second daughter of Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, Bart.; b. 1793; m. 1815. Archibald Stirling  |                    |





- of Keir; d. 1822. P. 1814 or 1815. B.  
2 feet 6 $\frac{1}{4}$  inches high, 2 feet 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide. ——— RIDDOCH
29. Elizabeth Maxwell. C. 1844 from the above picture, with suggestions by her brother, Sir John Maxwell, Bart. B.  
2 feet 4 inches high, 2 feet  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide. GREGOR URQUHART.
30. Elizabeth Maxwell. C. 1848, from the same, with suggestions by her brother, Sir John Maxwell. B.  
2 feet 6 inches high, 2 feet 1 inch wide. SAMUEL WEST.
31. Helen Stirling, only child of Robert Stirling; b. 1808; d. 1822. P. about 1813 or 1814. F. L.  
2 feet 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches high, 2 feet 3 inches wide. SIR HENRY RAEBURN.
32. Hannah Ann Stirling, eldest daughter of Archibald Stirling of Keir; b. 1816; d. 1843. P. 1830. F. L.  
7 feet 1 inch high, 4 feet 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide. } JOHN GRADAM  
GILBERT.
33. Hannah Ann Stirling. C. 1844, from the F. L. picture by J. G. Gilbert. B.  
2 feet 4 inches high, 2 feet  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide. GREGOR URQUHART.
34. Hannah Ann Stirling. C. 1848, from the F. L. picture, with a veil added and the dress altered. B.  
2 feet 4 inches high, 2 feet  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide. JOHN G. GILBERT.
35. William Stirling of Keir; b. 1818. P. 1839. F. L.  
7 feet 1 inch high, 4 feet 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide. JOHN G. GILBERT.
36. Sir John Maxwell, Bart. of Polloe. P. 1848. B.  
2 feet 5 inches high, 2 feet  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide. JAMES R. SWINTON.
37. Lady Matilda Harriet Bruce, second daughter of Thomas Earl of Elgin; b. 1802; m. 1839, Sir John Maxwell of Polloe; d. at Polloe, Aug. 31, 1857. P. 1848. B.  
2 feet 5 inches high, 2 feet  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide. JAMES R. SWINTON.
38. William Stuart Stirling Crawford of Milton, eldest son of William Stirling, sixth son of William Stirling of Keir; b. 1819. P. 1847. T. O. Engraved in mezzatint, as a private piece, by Edward Burton.  
4 feet 7 inches high, 3 feet 11 inches wide. FRANCIS GRANT, R.A.



## MINIATURES, DRAWINGS, &amp;c.

39. James Stirling of Keir: b. 1766; d. 1831. Wa. co. on iv. B.  
3 inches high.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  wide. Unknown.
40. Robert Stirling: b. 1772; d. 1808. Wa. co. on iv. B.  
3 inches high.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  wide. Unknown.
41. Marion Stirling: b. 1774; d. 1842. Wa. co. on iv. B.  
3 inches high.  $2\frac{1}{4}$  wide. RICHARD COSWAY.
42. Marion Stirling. Wa. co. on pa. T. Q.  
9 inches high. 8 inches wide. N. MACDOUGALL.
43. Jane Stirling; b. 1775; d. 1835. Wa. co. on iv. B.  
3 inches high.  $2\frac{1}{4}$  wide. RICHARD COSWAY.
44. Harriet Maxwell, eldest daughter of Sir John Maxwell,  
Bart. of Polloe: b. 1791; d. 1842. P. in 1826. Wa.  
co. on iv. B.  
4 inches high. 3 inches wide. W. DOUGLAS.
45. Elizabeth Maxwell, second daughter of Sir John Maxwell,  
Bart. of Polloe: b. 1793; d. 1822, as a girl. Wa. co.  
on pa. Hd.  
 $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches high. 3 inches wide. Unknown.
46. Elizabeth Maxwell. Cut from a larger picture. Hd.  
 $7\frac{3}{4}$  inches high.  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide. Unknown.
47. Elizabeth Maxwell. Wa. co. on pap. B.  
 $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches high. 4 inches wide. Unknown.
48. Elizabeth Maxwell. Cameo in iv.  
 $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches high.  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches wide. Unknown.
49. Hannah Ann Stirling; b. 1816; d. 1843. Wa. co. on iv.  
P. in 1824.  
 $6\frac{1}{4}$  inches high.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide. W. DOUGLAS.
50. Hannah Ann Stirling. Small copy from the F.L. picture  
by J. Graham Gilbert. On pa. B.  
 $7\frac{1}{4}$  inches high.  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide. GEORGE URQUHART.
51. William Stirling of Keir, b. 1818. Wa. co. on iv. P. in  
1824. F.L.  
 $6\frac{1}{4}$  inches high.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide. W. DOUGLAS.



52. Elizabeth Stirling: second daughter of Archibald Stirling of Keir: b. 1822; d. 1845. Wa. co. on iv. P. in 1826. F. L.  
6½ inches high, 4½ inches wide. W. Douglas.
53. William Smart Stirling Crawford of Milton: b. 1819. Wa. co. on iv. P. in 1840.  
8 inches high, 5 inches wide. Robert Thomson.
54. John Stirling: b. 1818; eldest son of William Stirling, second son of John Stirling of Kippendavie. Black em. on pap. Drawn 1838, at Dresden.  
13 inches high, 10 inches wide. Ennassers.

## BUSTS.

55. James Stirling of Keir: b. 1766; d. 1831. Executed at Florence in 1811 or 1812. Marble. Life size.  
2 feet 1 inch high. Unknown.
56. Robert Stirling: b. 1772; d. 1808. Alabaster: small.  
1 foot 3½ inches high. Unknown.
57. Marion Stirling: b. 1774; d. 1842. Alabaster: small.  
1 foot 5½ inches high. Unknown.
58. Jane Stirling: b. 1775; d. 1835. Alabaster: small.  
1 foot 5½ inches high. Unknown.

## AT CAWDER.

59. Sir John Stirling of Keir: b. 1638; d. 1684. B.  
2 feet 2½ inches high, 1 foot 11½ inches wide. Unknown.
60. John Stirling of Keir: b. 1794; d. 1757. Apparently a repetition of the picture painted in 1752. B.  
2 feet 7 inches high, 2 feet 1 inch wide. Unknown.
61. James Stirling of Keir: b. 1700; d. 1831. C. 1825, from the miniature at Keir (No. 30). B.  
2 feet 0 inches high, 2 feet 1 inch wide. Unknown.
62. Charles Stirling, fourth son of William Stirling of Keir: b. 1771; d. 1830. P. 1827. T. G.  
4 feet 2 inches high, 3 feet 4 inches wide. William Ross.



1818-1818.

63. Christian Erskine, wife of Charles Stirling. P. in 1827.  
4 feet 2 inches high, 3 feet 4 inches wide. WILLIAM ROSS.
64. Christian Stirling, second daughter of Sir William Stirling  
of Ardoch, wife of George Dundas of Dundas. b. 1702;  
m. 1784; d. 1832. D.  
2 feet 0 inches high, 2 feet 1 inch wide. Sir HENRY RAMBOLD.

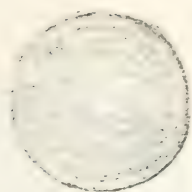
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65. James Stirling of Keir; b. 1766; d. 1830. Cast in plaster  
of the bust at Keir.  
1 foot 11 inches high. UNKNOWN.
66. Charles Stirling; b. 1771; d. 1830. Executed at Rome  
1824; marble.  
2 feet 2 inches high. } LAURENCE  
MACDONALD.
67. Christian Erskine, wife of Charles Stirling. Executed at  
Rome 1824; marble.  
2 feet 4½ inches high. WILLIAM EVANS.
68. Francis, fifteenth Lord Gray of Gray. Cast in plaster  
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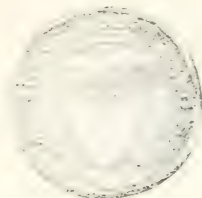
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2. John of Strathgairn, Roughy, 1202.

3. John of Strathgairn, 1202.

4. John of Strathgairn, 1202.

5. William of Strathgairn, 1202.

6. William of Strathgairn, 1202.

7. John of Strathgairn, 1202.

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10. 11. 12. Sir James Stirling, 1202.

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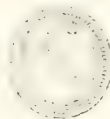
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13. Archibald Stirling, sixth of Keir, 1607.

14. Walter Stirling of Bellagune, 1550.

15. Archibald Stirling, Lord Gordon, 1611.

16. Sir Henry Stirling of Apslo, 1606.

17. George Stirling, 1672.

18. 19, 20. James Stirling of Keir, 1700.

21. John Stirling of Keir, 1747.

22. Archibald Stirling, seventh of Keir, c. 1750.

23. James Stirling of Keir, 1800.

24. Charles Stirling, Master of De., 1800.

25. William Stirling of Roscrea, 1700.

26. Archibald Stirling of Keir, 1844.

27. William Stirling, Master of Keir.



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John Stirling of Craigherron

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William Stirling of Glenis

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Andrew Stirling of Portmadoc Halyda

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Jane Lady Keir

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Bye almost good friends at  
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Archibald Stirling  
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2. William Stirling of Glenis, 1502.

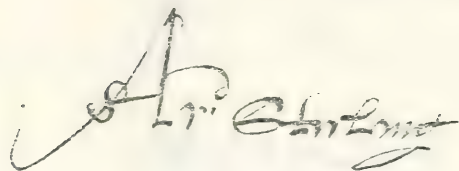
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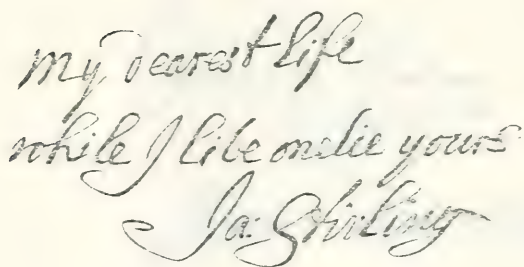
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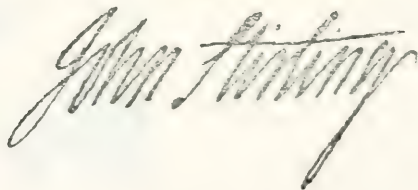
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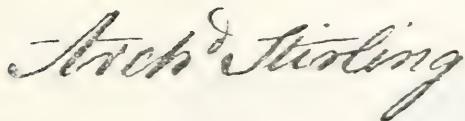
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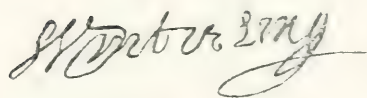
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1. Sir Archibald Stirling, afterwards Lord Garter, 1647.

2. James Stirling of Keir, 1708.

3. James Stirling, the Mathematician, 1755.

4. John Stirling of Keir, 1715.

5. Andrew Stirling of Keir, 1758.

6. William Stirling of Haddington, 1746.





1. *John Stirling of Keir*  
*Baronet*

2. *James Stirling*  
*of Keir*

3. *Archibald Stirling*  
*of Keir*

4. *James Stirling*

5. *Keir*

6. *Stirling of Keir*

1. Sir John Stirling of Keir, Knight, 1532.
2. Sir James Stirling of Keir, Knight, 1541.
3. Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir, Knight, 1605.
4. Sir James Stirling of Keir, Knight, 1606.
5. Sir George Stirling of Keir, Knight, 1614.
6. Sir John Stirling of Keir, Knight, 1675.



7. Janet Stirling lady of Cadder
8. Jane Colquhoun lady Ky
9. Elizabeth Stirling
10. Gilbert Ross lady Keir
11. Margaret Napier
12. Anne
13. Lillias Colquhoun

7. Janet Stirling, Lady Cadder, 1541.

8. Jane Colquhoun, Lady Keir, 1546.

9. Elizabeth Stirling, wife of John Napier of Merchiston, 1567.

10. Gilbert Ross, Lady Keir, 1613.

11. Margaret Napier, Lady Keir, 1645.

12. Anne Home, wife of Sir James Stirling younger of Keir, 1696.

13. Lillias Colquhoun, wife of Sir John Stirling of Keir, 1675.



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Oliver Cromwell

1. James II., 1449.

2. James V., 1526.

3. James V., 1545.

4. The Regent Arran, 1549.

5. The Regent Lennox, 1571.

6. Oliver Cromwell, 1653.



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1. Robert (Blondel) Archbishop of Glasgow, 1365.  
 2. James Beaton Archbishop of Glasgow, 1542.  
 3. Gavin (Dunbar) Archbishop of Glasgow, 1524.

4. James Beaton Archbishop of St. Andrews, 1526.  
 5. James Glenche Bishop of Dunblane, 1526.





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Alex<sup>r</sup> of Moray

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Robert Byschop of Caithness

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William Byschop of Dunblane

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Robert Leighton

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forwel in the Lord J<sup>r</sup> G. Wiseheart.

11

Arth. Ross

12

Alex<sup>r</sup> Edinburgh

6. Alexander Stewart Bishop of Moray, 1531.

7. Robert Stewart Bishop of Caithness, 1544.

8. William Acheson Bishop of Dunblane, 1551.

9. Robert Leighton Bishop of Dunblane, c. 1670.

10. The Rev. Dr. George Wiseheart, Minister of Edinburgh, 1649.

11. Arthur Ross Archbishop of Glasgow, 1689.

12. Alexander Ross Bishop of Edinburgh, 1711.



1 *Richard*  
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*Richard*

1. Archibald Earl of Angus, 1526.
2. Matthew Earl of Lennox, 1526.
3. Colin Earl of Eggle, 1526.
4. Archibald Marquis of Argyle, 1691.

5. Archibald ninth Earl of Argyll, 1691.
6. John Earl of Argyll, 1691.
7. John Lord Antrim, afterwards Earl of Mar, 1697.
8. Alexander Lord Albion, 1694.



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James Bollen  
Clerk of Justice.

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Barth

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Abraham

Cassilis

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Calander

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Calander

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Bundonald

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Edinburgh

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Edinburgh

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Edinburgh

1. Mr. John Bollen of Auchinzie, Clerk of Justice, 1559.

2. Margaret Baillie, Lady Luss, c. 1577.

3. Abraham Crockett, Provost of Dundee, 1541.

4. John sixth Earl of Cassilis, 1656.

5. James first Earl of Calander, 1652.

6. Alexander second Earl of Dundee, 1671.

7. William first Earl of Dundee, 1671.

8. General Thomas Dalziel of Duns, 1671.

9. Alexander sixth Earl of Edinboro, 1681.

10. George sixth Lord Elphinstone, 1757.



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*James Foulis*

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*Gray*

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*Patrick Lord of Galloway  
Wraythorpe my day hand*

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*Donald Macleod*

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*your assured friend at  
private  
Sch. Hamby.*

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1. Mr. James Foulis, 10 Colinton, 1540.

2. Patrick Lord of Galloway, 1442.

3. John Wraythorpe, Lord Gray, 1777.

4. William Wraythorpe Earl of Galloway, 1653.

5. Sir Thomas Hamilton of Priestfield, 1682.

6. Sir James Hamilton of Clymont, 1527.

7. Alexander Lord Home, 1519.

8. 9. Alexander Master, and George Lord Home, 1741.

10. George Lord Home, 1673.

11. David Lord Home, afterwards Lord Newmark, 1651.

12. John Hay, Countess of Mar, 1672.





1 *John Ashby* 3 *Matthias Wilke*  
*of* *Leven*

2 *Matthias Wilke* 4 *Leven*

5 *John Ashby* 6 *Monteith*  
*of* *Leven*

7 *Monteith*

8 *Monteith*

1. John Ashby of Leven, 1712.

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5. 6. John Ashby of Leven, 1712.

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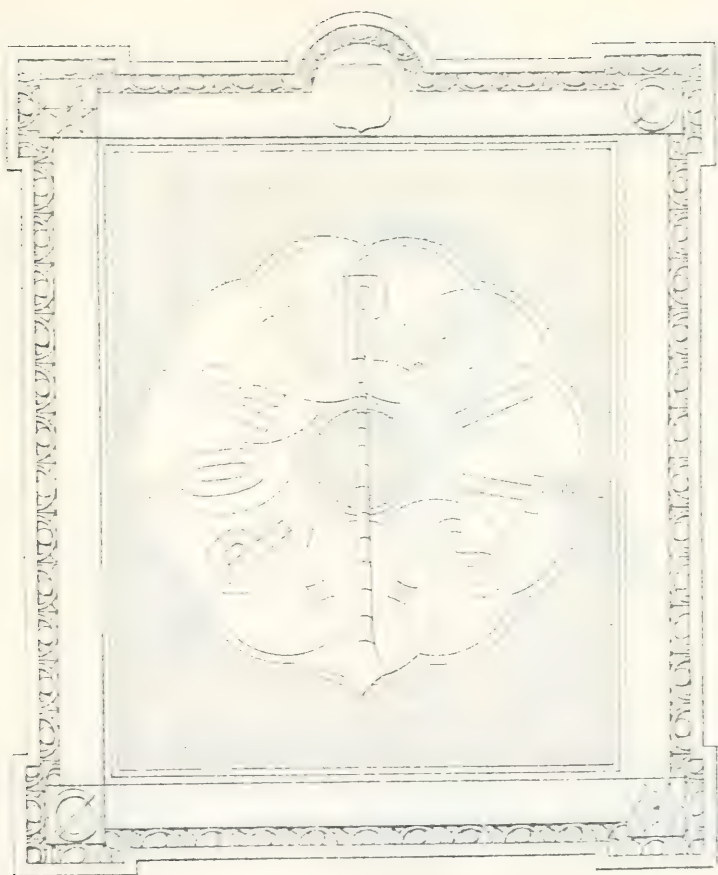
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4. Francis Earl of Rutland, 1677.
5. John Earl of Rutland, Chancellor, 1677.

6. Crisball Ross, Lady Ross, 1617.
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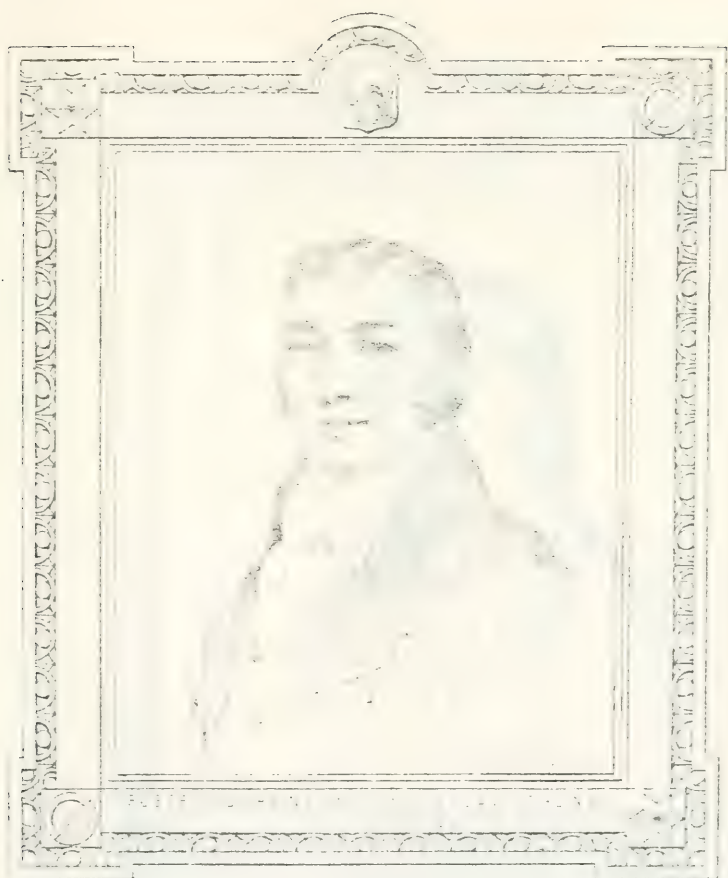


Mrs. Jane Austen, by Sir Thomas Lawrence, 1801.











































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